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War crime probe seeks Dutch data

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — A delegation from the Canadian justice ministry is due here this month to gather evidence on Jacob Luitjens, a suspected Nazi war criminal living in Canada.

It is expected to hear testimony from about 30 witnesses.

Dutch-born Luitjens, a former member of the Dutch Nazi party, was sentenced in absentia to life imprisonment by a military tribunal in Holland in 1948. He fled the country and presently lives in Vancouver.

He cannot be brought to Holland to serve his sentence because its extradition treaty with Canada does not include war crimes.

However, an amendment to the Canadian Criminal Code adopted by Parliament in Ottawa last year allows Canada to try suspected war criminals for crimes committed on foreign soil.

Luitjens could also lose his Canadian citizenship for having lied about his Nazi past when he entered the country.

His father, a veterinary surgeon in the village of Roden in northeastern Holland, is known to have been a fanatical Nazi. The son, who studied biology, shared that ideology.

He became a member of the Dutch Nazi party NSB, and in 1944 enlisted in its Land Guards, which hunted Dutch resistance fighters.

Luitjens was convicted specifically of murdering a resistance fighter and a German army deserter in Roden in 1944.

He was arrested after the war and confined to Westerbork, previously used as a detention centre for Jews awaiting deportation.

In 1947, Luitjens escaped with his brother-in-law to the German port of Bremerhaven, where he boarded a ship for South America.

After living in Paraguay at a Mennonite colony for many years, Luitjens went to Canada in the early 1960s and was hired by the University of British Columbia to teach biology.

He was granted Canadian citizenship in the 1970s.

U.S. State Department assures:

No change to refugee rules

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The State Department has no plans to change U.S. immigration laws to allow Soviet Jews to come to the United States from Israel as refugees, a senior Reagan administration official said last week.

"There's no intention to apply to change the (U.S.) immigration code, the refugee regulations" Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy told the House foreign affairs subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East. Murphy also argued that such a U.S. policy "would be rejected by the government of Israel."

Under current U.S. law, Soviet Jews are not considered refugees after they arrive in Israel. But there have been reports the State Department might grant refugee status to Soviet Jews if Israel implements a recent decision by its cabinet to require all Soviet Jews emigrating on Israeli visas to go directly to Israel.

Murphy, who heads the bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, said Israel has been "very unhappy" that over the last few months more than 75% of Soviet Jews leaving on Israeli visas have "dropped out" in Vienna to leave for Rome, where they can then apply to immigrate to the United States as refugees. The dropout rate in some months has been as high as 90%, Murphy noted.

He said one Israeli official complained of becoming a "travel agency" for Soviet Jews. Virtually all Soviet Jews leaving the USSR leave on Israeli visas.

The Israeli cabinet voted in June to require all Soviet Jews leaving on Israeli visas to fly from Moscow to Tel Aviv via Bucharest, Romania, where they would pick up the visas. This would presumably make impossible visa recipients "dropping out" for the United States.

Neither the Soviet nor Romanian governments have yet reached any decision on meeting Israel's request. An Israeli consular delegation left for Moscow recently, the first Israeli diplomatic delegation to go to the Soviet Union in 21 years.

Murphy noted that the United States supports "freedom of choice" for Soviet Jews in deciding where to settle. He said Israel has not impeded freedom of choice, since the cabinet decision to mandate that all Soviet Jews go to Israel has not been enforced. "That's what they would like, but that's not what they have," he said.

Mainstream Jewish organizations and refugee resettlement agencies have supported the Israeli decision while maintaining that Soviet Jews who want to come to the United States should leave on U.S. visas.

Few Jews currently do so. Those that do received a setback earlier this month, when the U.S. embassy in Moscow announced that it

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Jordan may reduce role in W. Bank

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Reports that King Hussein intends to reduce Jordan's role on the West Bank by abolishing his ministry for occupied territories, cutting back economic aid or dissolving parliament may just be part of a bold game of diplomatic brinkmanship with the PLO, Israeli analysts say.

The reports from Amman of impending policy changes may in fact be designed to prod disaffected Palestinians to reaffirm their links with Jordan, says Asher Susser of Tel Aviv University.

Hussein's real attitude towards the West Bank is likely to emerge only after an upcoming meeting with PLO chief Yasser Arafat. Arafat told the United Arab Emirates News Agency that he would like to visit Amman soon to renew political dialogue with the king — after months of avoiding a visit.

The king later told senior Jordanian military officers of impending policy changes, according to Jordanian political sources quoted by Reuters.

The sources said the changes could include a cabinet reshuffle, downgrading the ministry for Israeli-occupied territories, and eventual dissolution of the lower house of parliament, where East and West Bankers are now equally represented. Jordan also could cut back on economic assistance, including payments to some 13,000 West Bank civil servants.

But An-Nahar, East Jerusalem's pro-Jordanian newspaper, last week flatly denied there would be any rollback in funds. Indeed, Jordanian Foreign Minister Taher al-Masri reportedly has signed an agreement with the Agency for International Development for $6 million in West Bank aid to be channeled through Jordan.

It seems unlikely Hussein would cease relations with the West Bank altogether, said Susser, adding, "I'm more inclined to think it's not going to be a radical departure from the past."

Reports that Hussein may downgrade Jordan's involvement on the West Bank have been circulating since before the Arab Summit in Algiers, Susser said. That was after it became clear that Jordan's position on the West Bank had been seriously eroded by the Palestinian uprising.

Susser said the situation now parallels that of 1974, just after the Arab summit in Rabat, when the PLO was formerly acknowledged as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

Hussein, to acknowledge the PLO's status, then dissolved the lower house of parliament where West

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Mossad action said to be linked to ferry tragedy

ATHENS (JTA) — **A Danish newspaper report widely circulated in Europe last week maintains that passengers killed and wounded July 11 aboard the Greek car ferry City of Poros were victims of the hidden war between Palestinian terrorists and Mossad, Israel's secret service.**

Nine people died and 88 were wounded when gunmen opened fire with automatic weapons and hand grenades while the vessel was on a 1-day cruise in the Saronic Gulf, with 471 passengers aboard.

A car loaded with explosives blew up on a coastal road near Athens at about the same time.

According to the newspaper BT, Mossad agents in Greece learned that terrorists of the Abu Nidal group planned to drive an explosive-laden car aboard the crowded ferry and hold its passengers hostage for the release of Palestinian prisoners in Israel.

Mossad then blew up the car, the paper said. When the terrorists aboard the ferry found out, they panicked and opened fire indiscriminately, setting the vessel ablaze.

Mossad agents aboard the ferry killed the terrorists, dived into the sea and were picked up by a speedboat that had been following the ferry, the newspaper account said.

An Israeli official asked to comment on this version told the Danish paper he found the scenario "very interesting."

Meanwhile, Greek police said the weapons used aboard the City of Poros were Berettas sold to the Libyan army in 1975 and 1976.

They also seem to lean to the Abu Nidal hostage theory. A previously unknown group calling itself the Organization of the Martyrs of the Popular Revolution in Palestine claimed responsibility for the attack.

It was publicly condemned, however, by the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has a diplomatic mission in Greece.

Taba may be election issue

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Predictions that the Taba dispute would become a hot campaign issue began to come true last week when Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir launched a thinly veiled attack on Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, accusing him of "working for the interests of the Egyptians."

Responding to a question in the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee, Shamir said "those who supported the arbitration process for Taba — and I supported a compromise — were not acting in Israel's interest, but for Egyptian interests. Israel made a mistake when it did not go for the compromise."

Speaking to reporters later, Shamir said that "when there is a conflict of interests, an Israeli must serve the Israeli interest."

Peres reacted by saying that Shamir voted in favor of the arbitration process with Egypt when the matter was brought to the cabinet in September, 1986. "Maintaining the peace with Egypt is an Israeli interest, and only someone who opposed the peace agreement with Egypt can think otherwise."

Foreign ministry sources said the flare-up over Taba does not bode well for the compromise effort scheduled to start in Cairo in one week. The sources sounded pessimistic about the possibility of achieving a compromise as the campaign heats up.

Early deadline

Because of the civic holiday, this issue of The CJN went to press 72 hours ahead of our normal schedule, so we missed the weekend news. The CJN will update our readers in our upcoming issue.

MAKE MY DAY

Zap and they're gone. Perhaps Foreign Affairs Minister and Labor Party leader Shimon Peres is making a symbolic gesture at his political opponents during a recent visit to the Sano pesticide factory in Hod Hasharon, near Tel Aviv. [IPPA photo]

World-National

Thinker spurns progress

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Philosophers are not usually newsmakers, although some are (or were) notable exceptions. The late Bertrand Russell was among them, and no doubt Spinoza and Plato would come to public attention were they alive today. Hans Jonas, who celebrated his 85th birthday on May 10, rates his own slot in the roster of philosophers who have had a significant impact on their contemporaries.

Rabbi Plaut

He began quietly enough, with the publication of books on theological conceptions of the antique. His writings might have rested in scholarly obscurity had it not been for the fact that Jonas was born of Jewish parents and therefore persona non grata in Hitler's Germany. He emigrated to what was then British-mandated Palestine, taught at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, fought in the British army during the Second World War, and eventually came to Canada. Here, he taught at McGill University in Montreal and at Carleton University in Ottawa, and in 1955 went to New York to teach at the New School for Social Research where he remained until his retirement. Jonas (whose mother was caught by the Nazis and died in Auschwitz) is now living in New Rochelle, NY.

Collision course

The more he studied the ancients, the more he became convinced that they had much to teach us, and he began to tread an intellectual path which was bound to bring him into collision with the kind of optimism which was championed by such religious thinkers as Teilhard de Chardin.

Jonas began to define modern existence in terms of alienation and estrangement, dread and forlorness, and singled out "progress" as a negative rather than a positive development. Once he had reached this conviction he became a severe critic of our age; and his books were filled with warnings tinged with profound pessimism. He was a special kind of prophet who tried to alert his readers to the imminent dangers they faced. Man's destiny, he averred, was to live in the shadow of catastrophe.

Enemy No. 1

To Jonas, enemy No. 1 is "progress" and its handmaiden, the ever more powerful machine. He believes that science which does not observe needed limits has a tendency to enslave rather than to serve human beings. High technology has become an "ethical no-man's land." In the end such knowledge produces not power but powerlessness.

Like people, nature too will suffer irreparable damage. "We have become far more dangerous to nature than nature was to us," he wrote. The industrialized society, running full steam ahead without ethical bounds, has made us "the main sinners on earth."

His book, *The Imperative of Responsibility*, has won international prizes and has been translated into many languages. German universities twice invited Jonas to return to the land of his birth and to take up a teaching post there, but he chose to remain in the United States. Diverse institutions have honored him with degrees — tributes to a man whose vision has been wide and all-encompassing, and whose ethical imperatives have led him into the fray of the most pressing and controversial issues of our time.

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CORRECTION

In a recent column which contained an answer to Palestinian poet Mahmoud Darwish, the name of the Montreal respondent fell victim to a printer's devil. The writer should have been identified as Rosalie Ruman.

Israel takes wait-and-see attitude

Gulf truce said no threat for now

Compiled from JTA & JPFS dispatches

Israeli military and political observers were caught by surprise by Iran's announcement that it had accepted the year-old United Nations Security Council call for a cease fire in the Gulf war, with most analysts adopting a "wait and see" attitude.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Israel Radio it was too early to tell how the ceasefire would affect the Middle East balance of power.

"Iraq has built up a large army, with over 50 divisions, an air force and missiles. The question is will Iraq turn to rebuilding its country, or be tempted to achieve hegemony in the Arab world," Peres said.

"We won't be able to know the answer right away...I don't think they know themselves."

The consensus among observers seemed to be that even if the recent dramatic development did in fact signal the end of war, it had no immediate significance for the military threat to Israel.

Israeli and other diplomats at the UN in New York said the end of the Gulf war would shift regional tensions back to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Within a few years, the analysts said, Iraq may pose a major threat to Israel.

However, according to Aharon Levran, head of the Middle East military balance project at the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, lingering tensions between Iraq and Iran, and the deep mutual hatred between Syrian leader Hafez Assad and Iraqi President Sadam Hussein, would prevent the Iraqis joining a united eastern front against Israel for some time.

"In the short term, an end to the war will have no influence on Israel," he stated. "The mutual suspicions will continue. You can't erase the trauma and scars of eight years of hard war in a single stroke.

"On the one hand, the Iranian threat to Iraq will continue as long as the Islamic revolutionary regime exists. And it is doubtful Iraq would hurry to join a Syrian-sponsored eastern front after Syria stabbed it in the back by supporting Iran in the Gulf war," he said.

On the other hand, he continued, once the Iranian threat subsides and Iraq's difficult war memories fade, another factor would come into play.

"One must remember it seems the war is ending with an Iraqi sense of victory, and this is bad for Israel. This sense of victory can give the Iraqis the boost they need to join an anti-Israel coalition.

"Even if Iraq has poor relations with Syria, its ties with Jordan are excellent."

Other analysts noted that Iraq has been officially in a state of war with Israel since 1948, and now possesses more than half-a-million well-trained, combat-experienced soldiers.

In addition, Iraq used chemical weapons against Iran, which poses a new threat to Israel.

Iran, the analysts said, will be able to devote more resources to Moslem fundamentalism in the region once its war with Iraq ends.

In Jerusalem, defence commentator Zeev Schiff of the newspaper Haaretz, accused the government of "wasting eight good years" when Iran and Iraq were locked in mortal combat and "paralysis of strategic thinking."

Schiff was implying Israel should have used the room the Gulf war afforded to maneuver for more energetic efforts to reach peace terms with Jordan and the Palestinians.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin agreed with analysts such as Schiff, saying Israel "missed opportunities" in the context of diplomacy with Jordan (CJN July 28).

But Rabin said the end of the Gulf war could not mean immediate strategic dangers for Israel.

For one thing, their mutual enmity would require they maintain sizeable forces on their common border. And each society will want to enjoy an interlude of peace, he said.

Rabin nevertheless intimated that for the middle and long term, the Israel Defence Forces will have to plan for possible challenges from Iran and Iraq and from the other Gulf states, such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, which are massively strengthening their armed forces (CJN July 28).

The Saudis, Kuwaitis and others have been in fear of revolutionary Iran. If that fear now subsides, their vast arsenals, composed of the most advanced British and American weaponry, could easily end up being used against Israel.

Rabin made it clear the end of the Gulf war will soon mean the end of the "luxury" of reduced military budgets for Israel.

The defence minister warned also of the potential escalation of violence in Southern Lebanon as Iran, battered by the war with Iraq, may seek to prove to the Moslem world that it is a force to be reckoned with by stepping up support for Hezbollah, the fanatical Lebanese Shiite "Party of God."

Harassment may be petty but it's still harassment

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

Ms. H. sits near my office, where she does God's work: journalism. Cruising down the aisle one day, I pass her and take notice. Ms. H. is wearing a short skirt and her legs are extended into the aisle. One glance triggers a rush of hormones that, like an anesthetic, block the nerves leading to my common sense.

"Great legs," I say — to which I get a lecture on male chauvinist piggism. Admonished, I retreat to my office, momentarily confused but, in the end, wiser.

It appears that my confusion is general and my behavior nearly universal. A recent report to the President said an astounding 42% of the women who work for the federal government say they have been sexually harassed in the last two years. A similar survey, done two years earlier, came up with almost precisely the same figure.

Some of the reported harassment is truly ugly stuff, everything from attempted rape to sexual solicitations with a promise of promotions. But some of the reported harassment comes down to what I did: remarks, jokes, even looks. Women are steamed and men, I would guess, a bit befuddled. Can't you girls take a joke?

No one can be surprised anymore that sexual harassment exists. The surprise, though, is both the extent of it and what women consider harassment. Men and women can both agree that it's inappropriate for a male supervior to suggest that a woman's job performance be discussed at his apartment. But most men would be surprised to learn that women place off-color jokes in the same general category. And what about looks?. The federal report includes them, too.

The male tendency is to say "Loosen up, ladies," and dismiss these complaints. Indeed, sexual harassment is now defined so broadly (looks?) that many men feel like immigrants in their own country. We are not sure anymore of what is and what is not permissible. What are the rules?

Easy. Ask women. Indeed, not one woman I spoke to about the federal report was surprised by the 42% figure. Individually, they recited examples taken from their experience. They spoke of jokes that made them uncomfortable, X-ray stares that seemed to undress them, a locker-room ethic transplanted to the office, invitations for drinks after work that cooled a working relationship the next day — and always the factor of intimidation, of wondering about consequences. In fact, behavior that men took for granted, that they deemed non-sexual and therefore non-offensive, was cited by women in opposite terms.

Take, for instance, behavior that later resulted in a lawsuit. Some construction workers, accustomed to exchanging insults as well as tales of sexual exploits, simply continued their ways after women were added to their work crew. They did nothing they had not done before. But that hardly consoled their female colleagues. Even though the women were not being propositioned, even though the men were not supervisors who could award raises or better jobs, the female construction workers felt "harassed." They had what the law called a "hostile" environment. They also had a winning case.

The British intellectual, Paul Johnson, said one reason he wrote A History of the Jews was his interest in history told from the perspective of a victim. Women have been victims, too, and it is only recently that men have been asked to see things from their vantage point. Like any group that has known powerlessness, women are sometimes quick to take offence where none was meant.

But the 42% figure says we are hearing from more than cranks. All these women can't be crazy. Their perspective is a valid one — as valid as the Black who overhears a racist joke. Don't even bother saying that no offence was meant.

The recent report on sexual harassment has some good news, too. Incidents of horrendous sexual harassment are down. What remains is what might be called petit sexual harassment and, even though that remains unabated, there is good news here too. Women are learning how to say, "Get lost."

That, in essence, is what Ms. H. did with me. I meant nothing by my remark. It was not meant to be suggestive nor a proposition and, maybe, another woman would have taken it as the compliment it was meant to be. But Ms. H. did not — and she told me so. She put me in my place.

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Shift in community attitude noted

Toronto UJA gearing up for 1989 campaign

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

"Making a Difference," the slogan for the 1989 United Jewish Appeal campaign, describes in three words UJA's raison d'etre during the past four decades.

That is how the 1989 campaign co-chairmen Julia Koschitzky and Don Rafelman, see UJA's role in its mandate to provide the funds for essential human needs in Israel and Toronto, that "make the difference between living with dignity or deprivation."

The chairmen say they note a subtle, though fundamental shift in attitude toward the campaign in recent years "to one that stems from a deep sense of pride in our community."

"Toronto is now a magnet for Jews everywhere," said Julia Koschitzky. "We have an infrastructure that is unparalleled, and a Jewish school system acknowledged to be the finest in North America."

This sense of pride, the co-chairmen are quick to point out, didn't evolve overnight. It has come about through a gradual buildup in the community's awareness and perception of UJA's pivotal role "in making possible the wide spectrum of services and special programs that make Toronto's Jewish community one to be envied and emulated."

"Great as that may be, we still have a long way to go to raise the funds required to adequately address the needs that are surfacing in this growing community", said Rafelman.

"Facing us now and into the middle of the next decade, is a rapidly expanding aging population that will require far more support services than are presently provided," Rafelman added. "The social consequences arising from the growing number of single-parent Jewish households headed by women, the majority of them living at or below the poverty line, affects all of us in the Jewish community. Those are just some of problems that we, as responsible members of our community, must address."

Both Koschitzky and Rafelman are aware of the work ahead of them. Since assuming the co-chairmen's mantle, they have clocked up a substantial number of hours between them. Hardly a week has passed during the past few months without one or the other spending time at UJA headquarters conferring with campaign staff or attending meetings.

It has been well worth the effort. The concentration of work and planning has resulted in a thoroughly reorganized divisional structure with all the chairmen and their associates in place and a campaign agenda that takes them through to mid-December.

It is not surprising how easily they slipped into their roles as co-chairmen. Both are in familiar territory having held key positions in previous campaigns.

Don Rafelman

Julia Koschitzky

After serving as chairman of the 1985 Women's Division campaign, Koschitzky moved up to co-chair Major Gifts and in the campaign just ended, was a Hineini associate chairman.

Rafelman, whose long-standing association with UJA dates back to his first mission to Israel in 1972, went from associate chairman of Major Gifts in 1977, to head the division in the 1984 campaign. He was Advanced Gifts co-chairman in 1985 and 1986.

If Julia Koschitzky had her way, every Jewish adult in Toronto would be given the opportunity to go on a United Jewish Appeal mission to Israel. Both she and Rafelman are firm believers in the effectiveness of UJA missions and their educational impact on the participants.

"Almost without exception, mission members return with a heightened commitment to the campaign and to Israel as a result of what they have seen and experienced," said Koschitzky.

The 1989 campaign slate reflects the importance placed on missions within the overall agenda. There have already been three, including the Prime Minister's Mission to Israel and Morocco; the second TJC/UJA community Mission to Israel at the end of May; and the recent Media Mission to Israel.

Scheduled for September is a Special Gifts Israel Fly-In; in October, there will be a 5-day Israel Mission for the New Leadership Division of Construction and Development.

There will also be a repeat of the popular Washington Fly-In and a special 2-day New York mission.

Following the first breakfast meeting of the 1989 campaign leadership, Koschitzky expressed her amazement at the number of "new faces" in the room.

"What is so wonderful," she stated, "is that we are succeeding in our efforts to attract young men and women to the campaign, while retaining our past leadership."

The 1989 campaign will be officially launched with an opening dinner on Aug. 24 at the Inn on the Park.

"We intend it to be an evening of celebration and affirmation," Rafelman said. "A celebration of 40 years of 'making a difference' and a re-affirmation to continue in the years ahead of us."

Lederman pick of committee

UIA elections scheduled

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

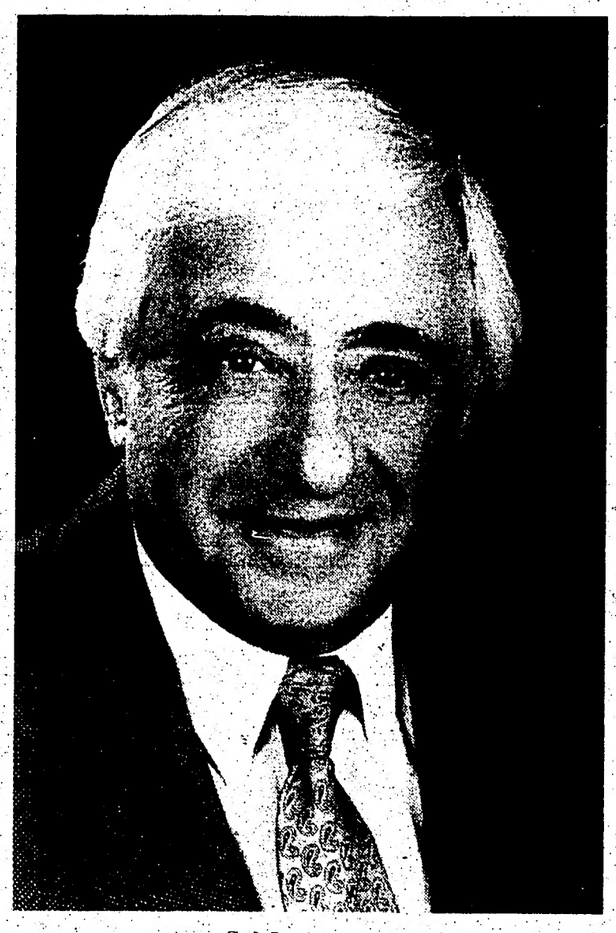
TORONTO —

Toronto businessman Sol Lederman will be the nominating committee's choice for president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada at the organization's upcoming annual general meeting.

Lederman, board chairman of Coinamatic Canada Inc., is expected to replace Montreal businessman Martin Levine, who has headed UIA of Canada for the past two years. Levine will remain on the executive becoming immediate past president.

The meeting — to be held Aug. 28-29 in Montreal at the Ritz Carlton Hotel — will also see the election of a new 200-member national board of directors, including 45 executives. Another 20 executives are expected to be appointed by the new president, says Walter Hess, UIA of Canada's executive vice-president.

Two officials — Toronto's Phil Granovsky and Montreal's Charles Bronfman — will continue in senior positions they have held for the past year. Granovsky will remain board chairman, and Bronfman will stay on as honorary president.



Sol Lederman

Election of a new board — representing 10 major and 47 smaller Jewish communities across the country — is held once every two years. This year's election will not affect leaders of the national Women's Division, which will elect new officers next year.

Hess says about 250 people from across Canada are expected to attend this year's meeting, which is open to contributors to the UIA of Canada, United Jewish Appeal and Combined Jewish Appeal.

The gathering's first day will feature addresses by Levine, who will review his term and achievements as president; Gella Rothstein, national Women's Division chairman, who will highlight her division's activities during the past year; Rubin Zimmerman, chairman of UIA of Canada's Israel Residents Committee, who will update the crowd on the Israel office's activities; and Lederman, currently a UIA of Canada vice-president, who is expected to outline his future plans as president.

A number of other dignitaries will also address the meeting, including Avraham Avi-Hai, head of the World Zionist Organization's youth and hechalutz department; Yaacov Gilead, director-general of the Keren Hayesod; Eli Likhovsky, the Jewish Agency's legal counsel; and Ronnie Medzini, head of Keren Hayesod's English-speaking desk.

The audience will also be entertained by the Orot Haschuna musical group from Israel. The singers — made up of 18 young people aged 16 to 21 from Project Renewal communities — will be in Montreal as part of a 2-week cross-country tour launching UJA and CJA campaigns.

The meeting's second day will feature board elections, followed by the new executive's first meeting which will likely be led by Lederman.

Winn named ambassador

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

Business executive Philip D. Winn has been named the new U.S. ambassador to Switzerland.

Winn, who is among Colorado's most prominent community and political leaders and an activist in Jewish affairs, succeeds Faith Whittlesey.

Colorado Republican Sen. Bill Armstrong hailed Winn's unanimous senate confirmation, saying Winn's "energy and intellect will earn him great respect within the diplomatic community and with the leadership in Switzerland."

Active in Republican Party affairs, Winn, who is at present on the National Jewish Coalition's executive committee, was the Republican gubernatorial nominee in 1982. He served as chairman of the Colorado Republican Party in 1979-81 and as co-chairman of Congressman Ken Kramer's bid for the Senate in 1986.

In 1984 he was named chairman of the Reagan-Bush outreach for Blacks, Hispanics and Jews and in Sen. Armstrong's election drive in 1984, he acted as his finance chairman.

Winn and his wife of 38 years, formerly Eleanor Desowitz, are the parents of Jordan Winn and Donna Aguirre. The Winn home is in Englewood, Colo.

Currently serving on the board of Denver's Mile High United Way, Winn has received the highest awards from a variety of organizations.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Almost two years have passed since the death of the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv. Yet his post remains vacant. Is this according to halacha?

Rabbi Burak

When one looks at the Torah, one sees that on the death of a religious leader, his office does not remain vacant for any length of time. In fact, succession is almost immediate. That's what happened when Aaron the High Priest died, as we read in Numbers, Chapter 20:25-6:

"Take Aaron and Elazar his son, and bring them unto Mt. Hor. And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Elazar his son; and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people and shall die there." Chief Rabbi Hertz z.l. in his commentary tells us that when the robes were put on Elazar, it was "in token that the High Priesthood was transferred to him."

The same was true when Moshe Rabbeinu was about to die. Moshe requested God not to leave the Jews without a leader. Thereupon, Hashem said unto Moshe, as we read in Numbers, Chapter 27:18-19: "Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is spirit, and lay thy hand upon him; and set him before Elazar the priest, and before all the congregation, and give him a charge in their sight . . ."

When Moshe died, Joshua the son of Nun succeeded him right away, as we are told in Deuteronomy, Chapter 34:8-9: "So the days of weeping in the mourning for Moshe were ended. And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moshe had laid his hands upon him; and the children of Israel hearkened unto him."

These successions went without a hitch. Still, not everybody was happy to see Joshua as the supreme religious head of the Jewish world. In Tractate Baba Bathra, 75A, we are told that the Elders of Israel cried out: "Moshe's face was like the sun; Joshua's face is like the moon . . ." If that could be the attitude of the elders towards the one appointed by the Almighty, how many quarrels can arise where there is no fiat from the Almighty?

Thus, while Rabbi Akiva z.l. wrote in his will that a successor should be appointed to take his place no later than 30 days following his death, this was not done, as you can read in Chut Ha-Meshulash (Tel Aviv, 5723) page 221; there was plenty of trouble before his son was elected.

So, how can you expect Tel Aviv to be better than Posen? Rabbi Akiva Eger was considered an angel in Posen, as well as a king. But no sooner had he departed from this world, than revolution was rife. In Tel Aviv, a special body must elect a new Chief Rabbi, and they are in no hurry.

Right from the beginning, there were reasons for delay. Where there are qualified sons, or sons-in-law, the rabbinate is an hereditary office. Chief Rabbi Yedidya Frankle z.l. has a son who is a rabbi, and a son-in-law who is a Chief Rabbi. Which one should succeed?

Now, in the responsa Chassam Sofer, O. H. 12, there is a ruling that while a rabbinic post is hereditary, the office of Chief Rabbi is not. Only the man who is the greatest scholar of all the rabbis is to be given that title. This would exclude the son, but not the son-in-law who is Chief Rabbi of Netanya.

New issues, however, have arisen. According to Israeli law, one may not be elected a Chief Rabbi unless one is a graduate of the School of Dayanut, for a Chief Rabbi presides over all the rabbinic courts of his community. Equivalent credentials were accepted.

When all seemed to be settled, a new problem arose. Women demanded and were appointed to the body that will elect the new Chief Rabbi. Nu nu!

Cancer patient to receive treatment

Refusenik Charny lands in U.S.

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

A roundup of Soviet Jewry news...

For nine years cancer victim Benjamin Charny, of Moscow, dreamed of rejoining family members in the U.S. and getting medical treatment.

His long wait ended recently when the 50-year-old Refusenik, and his wife, Yadwiga, arrived in Boston aboard a jet owned by industrialist Armand Hammer.

He was immediately embraced by his brother, Leon, who emigrated in 1979, and only child, Anna Charny-Blank, who arrived in the U.S. last year. The emotional reunion at Logan Airport took place as an entourage of political representatives looked on, says a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report.

Weary but serene, Charny later mounted a small podium set up for a news conference, thanking a long list of people for their personal involvement in his case, including all members of U.S. Congress and the Reagan administration.

Boston's New England Medical Centre — which has long promised free medical treatment for Charny — was expected to begin examining him shortly.

The couple will stay at their daughter's home in the Boston suburb of Brookline.

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A Soviet-Israel friendship society was recently established in the Soviet Union, Moscow Refusenik Yuli Kosharovsky told Soviet Jewry activist Genya Intrator, of Toronto, in a telephone call made on behalf of the Beth Tzedec Congregation.

The association — which has 170 founding members — hopes to officially register, hold lectures on Israeli lifestyles, promote the publishing of accurate information about Israel in the Soviet press, and lobby for the resumption of diplomatic ties between Israel and the Soviet Union.

Kosharovsky — denied an exit visa for 17 years — was recently informed by Soviet authorities he will not be able to emigrate until at least 1991.

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Zubin Mehta — the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's conductor and musical director — will seek the intervention of Hammer, who is on good terms with kremlin leadership, in the case of Leningrad Refusenik Elna Keis-Kuna, says a JTA report.

Benjamin Charny

Keis-Kuna — sister of philharmonic violinist Anna Rosnovsky — has been trying since 1974 to get exit visas for herself and her husband.

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Bendery Refusenik Rianna Royak and her three daughters recently received permission to emigrate to Israel, but her mathematician husband, Vyacheslav, continues to be refused, says Ben Prossin, Ontario Region Soviet Jewry director for Canadian Jewish Congress.

Letters and telegrams of concern may be sent to OVIR chief Rudolf Kuznetsov, Ulitza Ogareva 6, Moscow 103009, RSFSR, USSR.

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Odessa Refuseniks Don Kozlenko and his wife, Valeria — given permission in early May to leave — were denied exit visas when they visited the OVIR office in June.

The couple — which had already given up their apartment and made arrangements to leave — has been left with no means of support, Prossin says.

Protest letters may be sent to Kuznetsov, as well as Igor Gudlmov, deputy supervisor of OVIR in Odessa, Ulitza Rosa Luxemburg 37, Odessa, UK.SSR, USSR.

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Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Synagogue, of Toronto, has adopted Moscow Refuseniks Leonid Shabashov, his wife, Olga and their 9-year-old asthmatic daughter, Dahlia, Intrator says.

Leonid, a former chemical engineer who teaches mathematics, has been denied an exit visa since 1974 on grounds he allegedly learned state secrets at a former job.

The shul's previous Refusenik family, the Ziemans, of Moscow, have been given permission to emigrate.

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A monument in memory for about 150,000 Jews killed by Nazis during World War II will be erected in Lvov in the Ukraine, Victoria Gorelik, a member of Jewish Women Against Refusal, recently told Intrator in a call made on behalf of the Beth Tzedec.

Jewish sculptor Louisa Shternshtein and her son, Yuli Shmukler, of Lvov, will create the monument. Two other monuments will also be erected in memory of Polish professors and Italian officers executed by Nazis.

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A first-ever agreement between the Soviet Union and a Diaspora Jewish community will enable Jewish Australian artists to perform in the Soviet Union on the same platform as the Moscow Jewish Musical Theatre, reports Vic Alhadeff, The CJN's Sydney correspondent.

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The U.S. embassy in Moscow recently resumed processing visas for Soviet Jews and other refugees leaving the USSR, but is requiring most applicants to obtain private funding if they want to leave before Oct. 1, says a JTA report.

Meanwhile, Israel and the Netherlands will establish a joint working group to consider the route Jewish emigrants will take when they leave the Soviet Union, it was also announced.

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CJC President Dorothy Reitman and national Soviet Jewry chairman Barbara Stern have issued a joint statement welcoming the initiative of the Israeli government in arranging for Soviet Jews to receive their visas in Bucharest, Romania.

The statement has been forwarded to Canadian External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, says a CJC news release.

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BB forms task force

OTTAWA —

B'nai B'rith Canada has established an election task force to be headed by Marilyn Wainberg, past chairman of the Institute for International Affairs.

The task force — created following a June meeting of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Canadian Jewish community representatives — will interview party candidates in 45 key ridings on issues including Canada-Israel relations, hate propaganda, multiculturalism, refugees, Soviet Jewry and prosecution of Nazi war criminals, says a BB Canada news release.

"While we are primarily concerned with issues pertaining directly to the Jewish community, we are also dedicated to broader human rights questions such as reparations to Japanese Canadians interned during World War II," said Wainberg, a Montreal resident.

Wainberg will be assisted in the task force's effort by Rebecca Zuckerbrodt, BB Canada's government relations director.

Opposed to concept of Palestinian state

Bush's position paper firmly pro-Israel: experts

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Vice President George Bush, preparing for the Republican National Convention and the election race against Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis, has accepted a "Middle East Position Paper" prepared by his 27-member Middle East advisory committee.

The most remarkable aspect of the paper is its detailed recommendation on how to increase U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation, pro-Israel analysts said.

The 9-page paper calls for Israel and the United States to engage in further "joint exercises, prepositioning of dual-use stockpiles (including combat equipment, spare parts, and ammunition), intelligence sharing and contingency planning."

A pro-Israel source said that in this position paper, Bush has gone "far beyond (President) Reagan" on the issue of military cooperation. It was Reagan who signed the 1983 formal agreement establishing cooperation between the two countries.

George Bush

Marshall Breger, a member of the advisory committee which was co-chaired by Ohio businessman Gordon Zacks and former Assistant Secretary of State Richard Fairbanks, called this "a mature and sophisticated document."

He said besides its "sophisticated detail" on strategic cooperation, it recognizes that achieving a Middle East peace is a "long and slow process."

Any 1988 Republican Party platform plank dealing with the Middle East will almost certainly have appeared in the paper, sources said.

The Vice President will now consult directly with the platform committee, chaired by Nebraska Gov. Kay Orr, U.S. Sen. Robert Kasten and U.S. Rep. Jerry Lewis, to hammer out the platform.

The platform committee begins its final round of hearings in New Orleans Aug. 8, with the convention scheduled for Aug. 15-18.

In comparison to the Democratic Party platform, which includes only a few references to Israel, the Republican version will undoubtedly have much more to say about the Middle East.

Members of the advisory committee predicted, for example, that the party's 1988 platform will become the first party platform to urge the repeal of the 1975 United Nations resolution equating zionism with racism.

Bush, who was the U.S. representative to the UN from 1971-73, told 30 members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, who met at his home in June, that he was "strongly opposed to the resolution and called for its repeal," according to one Republican Jewish leader.

An advisory committee source said the only conflict between Bush's policy paper and the committee's recommendations was a minority recommendation urging Bush not to categorically call for repeal of the Zionism equals racsim resolution.

But Bush rejected that advice, and the policy statement took the position that "failure to repeal that resolution will justify attenuation of our support of the UN to reflect its diminished effectiveness in international affairs."

Bush's stances on Israel, as written in the position paper, include:

• Opposition to the concept of a Palestinian state. Advisory committee sources said, however that Bush would not oppose it if it were agreed upon by Arab-Israeli negotiators.

• Support for direct negotiations between Israel and her Arab neighbors and opposition to imposition of a peace settlement by any "multilateral entity."

• Reiteration of 1984 platform language that the United States should not recognize or negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization so long as it promotes terrorism, rejects Israel's right to exist, and refuses to accept UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338.

• Support for economic growth in Israel proper and the administered territories, "which could increase the confidence of Palestinians and make it easier for them to participate directly in shaping a negotiated peace."

The paper, like the advisory committee, did not establish a policy for arms sales to Arab countries, except to note support for maintaining Israel's "qualitative advantage over any adversary or coalition of adversaries."

The paper also does not discuss whether to move the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

According to sources, Bush opposes moving the embassy and feels the issue should be decided in a latter stage of any Arab-Israeli peace negotiations.

Sources said it is too early to predict any changes from the Republicans' 1984 platform on Soviet Jewry or on the separation between church and state.

The 1984 platform pressed for Soviet compliance with the 1975 Helsinki Final Act, and criticized "Soviet anti-semitism and human rights violations."

One conceivable plank, sources said, that would satisfy former presidential contender Rep. Jack Kemp would be to call for restrictions on "untied loans" made by U.S. banks to the Soviet Union, which are not covered by the 1974 Jackson-Vanik Amendment tying U.S. trade to Soviet emigration policies.

Kemp brought the issue to the forefront last year, and raised it at the platform committee's Los Angeles hearing devoted to economic affairs.

On the separation between church and state, the 1984 platform welcomed legislation guaranteeing equal access to school facilities by student religious groups.

It also supported voluntary prayer in schools, as well as tuition tax credits to parents with children in parochial schools.

Publication more news than content: analysts

Dukakis book reaffirms positions on Mideast

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The 300-page manual released last week by Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis, entitled Mike Dukakis on Issues of Concern to the American Jewish Community, does not contain any radical departures from previous statements, according to pro-Israel analysts.

But a pro-Israel source said the "very fact" that he published such a book is news because there has "never been an effort on this scale aimed at the Jewish community by anyone" running for the presidency.

Michael Dukakis

The book — dubbed by some the Bookie Book, named for Dukakis' special adviser on the Middle East, human rights and the underprivileged, Hyman Bookbinder — reiterates Dukakis positions on various issues by quoting his public statements.

It has chapters devoted to anti-semitism and the Holocaust, economic development in Israel, peace and security for Israel, Soviet Jewry and the church-state separation.

The pro-Israel source said that along with Bush's new Middle East Policy Paper, the two documents show that in this presidential campaign, "we are doing pretty well with the candidates of both parties."

Among the statements on the Middle East Dukakis affirmed were:

• A belief that "a lasting and secure peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors can only be achieved through direct negotiations," and that the issue of a Palestinian state "is for the parties to resolve."

• A belief that "outside powers cannot impose a stable peace agreement in the Middle East."

• His opposition to Israel returning to its pre-1967 borders, and his belief that the "refusal of Arab leaders to recognize Israel's right to exist within secure and defensible borders has been the major obstacle to peace in the Middle East."

• His objection to arms sales to Arab nations that would undermine Israel's security.

But the pro-Israel source emphasized that statement was not all-encompassing, since U.S. presidents have defended arms sales to Arab countries on the grounds that they did not endanger Israel.

• His supporting "stringent conditions on Soviet involvement in the Middle East peace process."

• His acceptance of Jerusalem as Israel's capital as well as a unified Jerusalem under Israeli control. A pro-Israel source noted that Bush has not accepted Jerusalem as Israel's capital, but that both candidates believe it should remain undivided with free and unimpeded access to religious sites.

Also unlike Bush, Dukakis has given some consideration to moving the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, the source said.

• His opposition to the 1975 United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism and calling for its repeal in a Commonwealth of Massachusetts gubernatorial proclamation.

• His support of a shared U.S.-Israel military and intelligence cooperation, as well as "generous levels of economic and military assistance to Israel and Egypt."

Dukakis also noted Massachusetts was the first U.S. State to enter into a formal agreement with Israel to foster economic development projects, in trade, science and technology, tourism, education and medicine.

On Soviet Jewry, Dukakis supports the Jackson-Vanik amendment tying U.S. conferral of most-favored-nation status to Communist countries to satisfactory Soviet emigration levels, and noted his effort to gain freedom for various families.

On church and state, he opposes "attempts to introduce religion in our public schools," including tuition tax credits.

Goal is educational

Kach Canada in planning stage

By PAUL LUNGEN

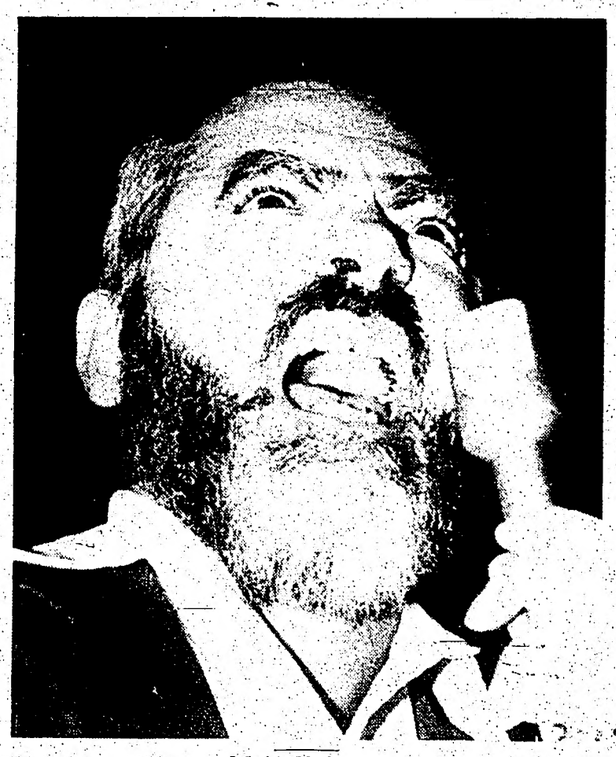
TORONTO — Plans are under way for the creation in Canada of a movement to support the Israeli Kach Party of Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Meir Halevi, Canadian head of the Jewish Defence League, confirmed that he and some "businessmen" are planning to set up Kach Canada to promote the political views advocated by Kahane.

Halevi said he and about 20 "hard core" supporters — many who back the JDL — are now ready to ask for community support for the Kach affiliate.

The primary purpose of Kach Canada would be educational, Halevi said. It would try to establish a bureau for speakers to explain the situation in Israel as well as air a bi-monthly cable television show to explain "the Kach philosophy.

"One of the things we hope to accomplish is to bring Kahane to Toronto," Halevi said.



Meir Kahane

The controversial American-born rabbi has been barred from entering the country because he has a criminal conviction.

Turning to the "educational" aspect of Kach Canada, Halevi said "there has been tremendous apathy in the community" since the 1982 Lebanon War. Kach Canada would explain what Israel is fighting for and boost supporters of the Jewish state against its enemies, he added.

Halevi said he agreed with Kahane — Kach's lone representative in the Knesset — that Arabs in Israel, Samaria and Gaza who support the Palestine Liberation Organization should be expelled.

Those who are happy to remain as citizens of Israel would be allowed to stay, he said.

Halevi said on certain issues Kahane is a democrat, but "Judaism sometimes conflicts with that. That doesn't mean we can't be humane, but we have to put Judaism first."

According to a letter received by The CJN, a representative of Kach International in New York will visit Toronto in August "to begin efforts at establishing the Kach movement in Canada."

Halevi said Kach Canada would be associated with the international branch.

Meanwhile, a JTA bulletin from Jerusalem indicated the Knesset voted unanimously to suspend Kahane for threatening an Arab Knesset member at a session several months ago.

Kahane will be barred from attending five consecutive plenary sessions. He was also reprimanded for using offensive language.

Kahane swore at Mohammed Miari of the Progressive List for Peace and waved a hangman's noose at him in the Knesset chamber.

The Knesset house committee recommended Kahane's suspension. Speaker Shlomo Hillel said he would ask Attorney General Yosef Harish to consider whether the remarks attributed to Kahane could be construed as a death threat.

Kahane said he didn't threaten Miari, but merely "promised" that when he becomes Prime Minister, he would do away with him.

The Progressive List for Peace is a left-wing party whose membership includes Jews and Arabs. Kahane does not believe Arabs should serve in the Knesset.

Kahane was suspended once before for several sessions, after he refused to take the pledge of allegiance to the State of Israel, required of all members. Doing so would have jeopardized his U.S. citizenship, which he still retains.

World-National

U.S. investigator's allegations called "absurd"

Probe linking Peres to Iraqi pipeline criticized

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The U.S. independent counsel's investigation of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' alleged involvement in the Iraqi oil pipeline affair was "indiscreet and amateurish," sources in the foreign ministry said last week.

In his final report released three weeks ago, independent counsel James McKay, who investigated alleged financial misdeeds by former U.S. Attorney-General Edwin Meese, concluded that the Labor Party was "probably" offered payoffs in exchange for a pledge by Peres not to attack the planned $1 billion pipeline.

He also criticized Peres for refusing to cooperate with the investigation, saying the foreign minister had not replied to written questions submitted to him. Sources close to Peres indicated McKay's questions would remain unanswered.

A March 16 letter to McKay from Peres adviser Nimrod Novik, shows that Peres' refusal to cooperate was based on reasons of state and on his anger at the constant leaks from the investigation.

The sources angrily termed McKay's allegations "absurd" and criticized his "indiscreet" handling of the inquiry.

"The counsel's bureau was willing to create a public impression of wrongdoing, basing themselves solely on a memo written by a man who has been indicted [E. Robert Wallach] to one who was suspected [Meese] based on a conversation with a third person [lawyer Bruce Rappaport]," a source said.

McKay's findings were based on a Sept. 25 memorandum from Wallach to his friend Meese, which reported on conversations with Rappaport and alleged that payoffs to Labor had been proposed. Both Peres and Rappaport have categorically denied the allegations.

In the March 16 letter, Novik writes: "Your request was under consideration when your commitment to the 'strictest of confidence' was violated, as repeatedly occurred in the handling of the subject over the past few months.

"Procedurally, this norm is unacceptable. Substantively, since its emergence in the early 1980s and until the final phase in 1986, the proposal was handled between the U.S. and Israel on a government to government level. Hence, the U.S. government is in full possession of the details concerning decisions and other involvement by the government of Israel. Unfounded allegations and insinuations have been addressed by our official spokesmen and are not worthy of further discussion.

"Mr. Peres himself, when dealing with the subject matter, acted on behalf of the government of Israel. Hence, by law, the vice-premier (Peres) is not free to convey details of his activity involving the foreign relations or national security of the State of Israel."

Energy minister won't apologize

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Energy Minister Moshe Shahal will not apologize to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir about his claim that the Prime Minister offered to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization over the territories, sources close to the minister said recently.

The Prime Minister's office said Shamir is insisting on a written apology for "the lies which Shahal spread." But Shahal's aides say it is Shamir who should apologize, for wrongly labelling Shahal's allegations "a filthy lie."

The two feuding bureaus are also offering conflicting accounts about the aim of recent "third party" contacts between Shamir and Shahal: Shamir's aides claim the contacts were aimed at facilitating the submission of a letter of apology by Shahal; the energy minister's aides claim Shamir had promised to send messengers to Shahal to persuade him to stop his criticism of Shamir in exchange for a secret reading of the protocols.

"I have nothing to apologize for, I am only fulfilling my duty as a cabinet minister," Shahal said.

He claimed that in talks with Romanian President Nicolai Ceaucescu last year, Shamir submitted documents which envisaged a role for the PLO in the administration of the territories. Shahal demanded to see the protocols of the meetings with Ceaucescu, a request which Shamir has no intention of fulfilling, his aides said.

Kashruth issue lands in court

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The United Synagogue of America has filed suit in Israel's Supreme Court for restoration of the kashruth certificate that was withdrawn recently from a youth hostel affiliated with the Conservative movement.

The action was taken as the Rabbinical Assembly, the rabbinical organization of Conservative Judaism, convened for its 88th annual convention at the Laromme Hotel here.

Franklin Kreutzer, international president of United Synagogue, the association of Conservative congregations, and Rabbi Jerome Epstein, senior vice-president and chief executive officer of the organization, arrived in Israel to initiate the legal proceedings.

They were joined by Rabbi Pesach Schindler, director of the United Synagogue's Israel office. The Israel Youth Hostel Association, which manages the Jerusalem facility, is a co-complainant.

The Conservative leaders went to court after they were informed by the kashruth supervisor of the Religious Council of Jerusalem that the certification would not be reissued.

The hostel has been operating here for 16 years under local rabbinical kashruth supervision. No complaint was ever lodged that it violated the dietary laws, and according to Conservative leaders, the withdrawal was an arbitrary and political act.

Rabbi Yehoshua Pollack, vice-chairman of the Orthodox Religious Council, was quoted as saying "the hostel is affiliated with a movement that undermines Judaism," that "in our eyes destroys the Jewish religion."

He was further quoted as saying that issuing a kashruth certificate to a Conservative institution would be the same as granting one to a "monastery."

This, said Kreutzer, means second-class citizenship for Conservative Jews and will not be tolerated.

Rabbi Schindler expressed thanks to the more moderate Orthodox leaders in Israel, who defended the rights of the Conservative movement and participated in a symbolic kosher meal at the hostel after the certification was withdrawn.

Rabbi Epstein also thanked Rabbi Louis Bernstein and other leaders of the American Orthodox community for supporting the Conservative movement in this dispute.

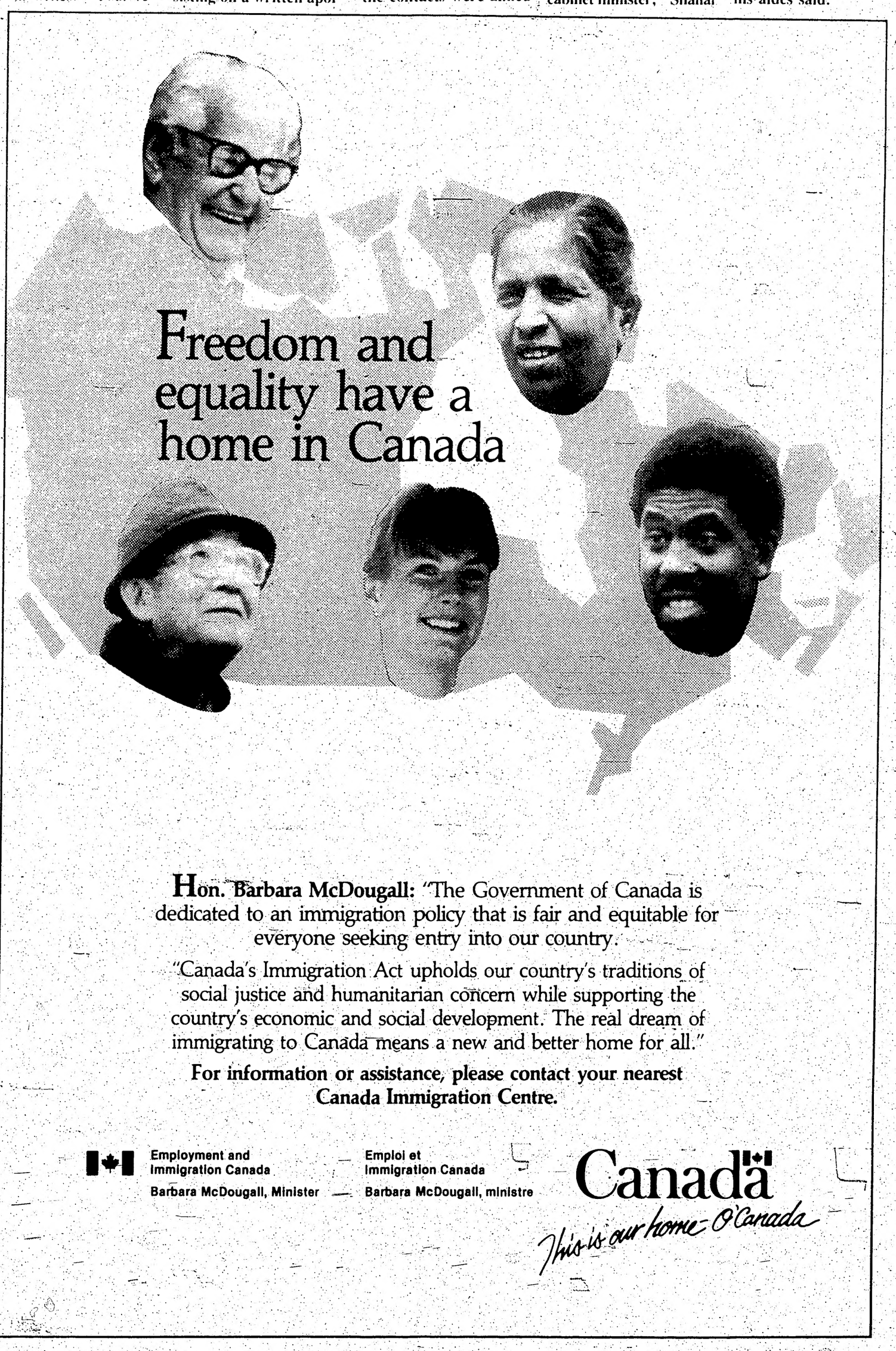
Doctors suspend strike sanctions

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The organization of government and municipal hospital physicians last week declared it was suspending the sanctions it had conducted for the past seven months. Histadrut labor federation-health fund (Kupat Holim) doctors are continuing their sanctions.

The formula that broke the standoff with the government doctors was the health minister's announcement that the government had decided to open negotiations with the physicians in the understanding that "each side was aware of the position of the other side."

Meanwhile, the treasury agreed to add 24% more nursing slots in the public hospitals, ⅔ of them during the next two years.

The nurses union said it was a "great achievement," as the treasury had earlier offered an 18% hike in nurses' jobs, with only a small percentage to be introduced before 1990.



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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

On Aug. 9, 1536, ancestor Juan Franco was accused in Mexico by Spain's apostolic inquisitor of, among other things, keeping the Jewish dietary laws and being circumcised. Whether the late dictator of Spain, Francisco Franco, was of Jewish descent or not, he helped save Jews during the Holocaust as did no other political leader.

Franco installed himself ruler of Spain after crushing its anarchic democracy, with the help of the Nazis, in a bloody civil war that dominated the headlines of the 1930s. A defender of the church and conservatism, and a militant fascist, el caudillo (the boss) seemed least likely to become a political leader who would extend significant aid to the Jews in the Holocaust. His country had been officially judenrein, free of Jews, from their expulsion in 1492 until the 20th century.

The onset of the Holocaust turned the Western democracies into the anvil for Hitler's hammer. The Evian conference expressed their indifference to the Jews' probable fate, and encouraged Hitler to proceed from expulsion to mass murder. Britain closed off Jewish emigration to Palestine. She, the U.S., Canada, and others refused to allow more than a handful of Jewish refugees to enter, often ignoring entirely unfilled immigration quotas.

The Vichy government of France promulgated its anti-Jewish laws of 1940-41 at its own initiative; Nazi pressure had not been applied. The Bermuda conference of 1944, when the unprecedented extermination was a matter of common knowledge, deferred action on behalf of the Jews to post-war survivors, if any.

Slowly penetrating an academic mindset and media that equate ultra-conservatism with inhumanity is the fact that el caudillo saved from 50,000 to 100,000 Jews. Franco declared that Jews of any possible Spanish background whatsoever — going right back to 1492 — possessed the inalienable right to Spanish citizenship and passports. Spanish consulates and embassies were instructed to expedite quickly requests for these by such Jews, writes University of Tennessee Prof. Harry May in *Francisco Franco: The Jewish Connection*. In many cases, passport requests from longtime Ashkenazim were also honored.

At a time when Spain was suffering a severe food shortage, border guards at the Pyrenees were instructed to admit all refugees who had struggled up from France; some 30,000 Jews were saved here alone. An additional 10,000 Jews who escaped the death camps by other routes also found some refuge in Spain.

Franco succeeded in pressing Vichy to release over 1,600 Jewish "Spanish nationals" — and their belongings — on their way to destruction at Bergen Belsen. In Salonika, Greece, Spanish passports were churned out day and night, saving thousands from deportation.

"Franco got for all of this," writes May, "the thanks of Maurice Perlzweig of the World Jewish Congress (Dec. 26, 1944), and a slap in the face by Abba Eban in 'all conscience and responsibility' " when Israel some years later voted against Spain's entry to the UN " 'Because it had been an ally of Hitler.' "

Spain exasperated Hitler. Franco refused to join the Axis war effort or to even allow German troops into Spanish territories in Africa.

In 1938, Franco ordered Spain's leading intellectual, Pio Baroja, to write "an erudite and humane article about the Jews . . . calmly and methodically refuting Hitler's anti-semitic racial theories," quotes May from one of his well documented sources. This was in a country whose Office for the Purity of Blood Lines had been abolished relatively recently after hundreds of years.

In 1940, Franco founded the Arias Montano Institute to study Hebrew culture, literature, religion and archeology, "an act of defiance to Hitler." It was composed of Jewish and non-Jewish scholars. El caudillo's outlook made it "an impossible undertaking for the thousands of Hitlerite agents who had invaded Spain to permeate the Spanish people with anti-semitism."

At the very least, Franco's actions displayed a unique humanity. They also suggested his feeling that Judaism was an integral part of Spain, to be respected and — again uniquely — not to be reviled.

Was Franco of Jewish descent? This column plans to review some of the evidence next week.

Levy called discriminatory

Israeli tax makes travel difficult

By BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO — When Minabelle Haneford and her husband, Irving, recently brought their daughter and her family here for an 8-week visit from Israel, they had to pay $6,400 in airfare and an additional $1,260 in travel tax to Israel.

"We'd have to pay for the tickets, but the head tax is an additional hardship for us, making it more difficult to bring our family over," says the 68-year-old woman, Toronto chapter treasurer and membership chairman of Parents of North American Israelis.

Haneford, along with many other PNAI members, is getting tired of paying the approximately $220 tax which is charged to every Israeli citizen over the age of 2 who is leaving the country.

"It's discriminatory," asserts Charles King, a PNAI national vice-president.

"It doesn't deter the person who's well off financially, but it does impose a hardship on those who are not so well off.

PNAI — dedicated to the wellbeing of their children in Israel — helps support offspring financially, morally and psychologically. The organization's Canadian chapters in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Winnipeg boast a total membership of about 250 families.

While the group tries to remain non-political, Israel's travel tax is forcing members to take action, says King, who recently paid $5,000 including about $840 in travel tax to bring over his son Paul, 46, a researcher, and his family for a 6-week visit.

PNAI is planning to launch a letter writing campaign to Israel's finance minister Moshe Nissim, asking him to abolish the tax, King says.

Israeli consul-general Benjamin Abileah says Israel's travel tax — begun in the early 1960s and cancelled in 1977 — was restored in 1983 to help reduce Israel's spiralling inflation.

It was also indirectly meant to help prevent currency from leaving the country by discouraging Israelis from travelling abroad, Abileah says.

But the tax seems to have had little effect in stopping Israelis from leaving the country, King charges.

In most cases, Israelis — who earn only about one-third of North Americans' salaries although the cost of livings are similar — are still taking trips abroad, King says. And their visits home are often being financed by their Diaspora families.

"It's taking money out of here and putting it in Israel," says King, a 69-year-old semi-retired life insurance salesman.

"To put it bluntly, we are being asked to pay a ransom for the privilege of getting together with our families. Not so very long ago Israel reprimanded Russia for employing these tactics when they demanded a payment from Refuseniks leaving the country."

Although King continues to be able to afford their fares and travel tax, others are not as fortunate.

Poorer parents, unable to finance such trips, may rarely get to see their children and grandchildren, who've settled in Israel, King says.

Although Abileah understands the complaint, he says he personally feels all people emigrating to the Jewish state have to live under the same circumstances as other Israelis.

"How is the law going to distinguish between such hardship cases and other cases that are not hardship?" Abileah asks.

"That's a question. Laws cannot really answer every individual need."

But King claims the travel tax may also be causing some young people to postpone emigration to Israel, because of elderly parents they'd have to leave behind and might not be able afford to visit.

Abileah says he thinks this scenario is unlikely.

"All we're talking about is an added expense to one person of $220 a year if they travel once a year," he points out.

"Is that a hindrance to a major step like aliya?"

Still, King says the travel tax may even cause some Israeli citizens, who are living abroad, to give up their citizenship to avoid the payments on return visits.

Abileah acknowledges such a possibility exists, calling it an "unfortunate decision." But he also points out Israelis living abroad can afford to pay the travel tax more than those living in the Jewish state. Abileah adds offspring under the age of 18, who live abroad with their parents, are exempted from the tax.

King recently wrote to Meir Sheetrit, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, asking for his help to change the law. Sheetrit agrees the travel tax should be rescinded, King says.

Previous letters to the Israeli finance minister by members of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel have also resulted in sympathetic responses, Minabelle Haneford adds.

But AACI members at the New York office have been told the Israeli government is not planning to change the law at present, although it will consider members' letters.

King urges a new round of protest letters be sent to Nissim at the Ministry of Finance, 1 Kaplan St., Jerusalem 91008, Israel.

For more information, call Haneford at (416) 633-5136.

Syrian use of chemical warheads uncertain in war, expert says

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The claim by an American senator that the Syrians have fitted their Soviet-made Scud-B surface-to-surface missiles with chemical warheads is "certainly likely" to be true, but it is not clear whether the Syrians will use them, an expert on the strategic balance in the Middle East said recently.

According to a story in Israel's Hadashot newspaper, Sen. Dan Quayle of Indiana, a member of the Senate's armed forces committee and the Senate's "expert" on surface-to-surface missiles, sent a letter to other senators last month claiming the Syrians had fitted the Scuds with warheads they developed themselves.

Military sources refused to comment on Quayle's letter.

The report said until now experts had thought the Syrian chemical warheads to be still in development.

But according to General (res.) Aharon Levran, of the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University and author of a paper on surface-to-surface missiles which is to be published soon, it was "nonsense" to suggest that the defence establishment had been surprised by the development.

"The Syrians have been working on this project for years," he said. "In August, 1986, Peres, when he was Prime Minister, said at the graduating ceremony for the Israel Defence Force's [IDF] staff and command college that the Syrian chemical warheads were in an advanced stage of development.

"That was two years ago, and the use of chemical weapons in the Iran-Iraq war pushed Syria to speed up their project," he said. "By now the development is certainly in its final stages, and the defence establishment knows it."

The Scud-Bs, which have a range of some 300 kilometres, were supplied to Syria by the Soviets with conventional warheads. The Scuds are not thought to be very accurate, and are considered most effective against large targets, such as cities or military bases.

According to Levran, however, it is not at all clear that the Syrians intend to use the chemical warhead-Scud combination.

"The Syrians have been developing this weapon for two primary reasons," he said, "as part of their attempt to achieve strategic parity with Israel, and to deter Israel from escalating a future war and inflicting heavy blows to Syrian strategic targets.

"In the Arab view the concept of strategic parity relates to both conventional and non-conventional weapons," he continued. "They believe that Israel has an advantage in the realm of nuclear potential, and suspect that Israel has nuclear weapons. They must have a counterbalance to this unconventional threat. Chemical weapons are the poor man's nuclear bomb."

PLO chief Yasser Arafat invited to EEC Parliament

BRUSSELS (JTA) — Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat has been invited to visit the Parliament of Europe in Strasbourg.

He will be there Sept. 13 and 14, when the 518-member assembly, the European Community's legislative body, is in full session.

The invitation, the first ever to a Palestinian leader, was extended by the Socialist bloc, the largest single faction in the parliament.

Rudi Arndt of West Germany, the faction leader, explained why.

"After having had a very useful meeting with Shimon Peres, we thought it would be appropriate to hear Yasser Arafat's opinion, as chairman of the PLO, on the situation in the Mideast," Arndt said.

Peres, Israel's foreign minister and chairman of the Labor Party, met with European Community leaders in Brussels in May.

Arndt added, "We hope that the meeting with Arafat can help us in our endeavor to find peaceful and lasting solutions to the Mideast problems, an issue on which Europe should play a more active role."

Informed sources here said Arafat will not address the European Parliament, inasmuch as he was invited by one of its factions, not by the full body.

Observers here noted that the invitation was announced a day before the parliament was scheduled to vote again on ratification of three economic and trade agreements Israel signed last year with the 12 nations of the European Community.

In a vote last March, the assembly rejected ratification. It was seen then as a calculated rebuff to Israel for its handling of the Palestinian uprising.

East Germany sentences Nazi

BONN (JTA) — Manfred Poehlich of Halle in East Germany was recently sentenced to life imprisonment for complicity in the murder of thousands of Jews while serving in the Nazi SS, the official East German news agency ADN reported.

Poehlich was found guilty by an East German court of having participated in the mass shootings of Jews in Ukraine in 1941.

The sentence and its announcement in the official media was seen in Western circles as another move by the East German Communist regime to win Jewish goodwill as a means of gaining favor in the United States.

East Germany desperately wants to improve trade relations with the United States. Communist Party boss Erich Honecker hopes to win most-favored-nation status and, in exchange, has indicated a willingness to pay reparations to Jews for their losses during the Nazi era.

The East Germans have not named a sum, but estimates range from $100 to $175 million.

Honecker is expected to meet with World Jewish Congress head Edgar Bronfman later this month to discuss the issue.

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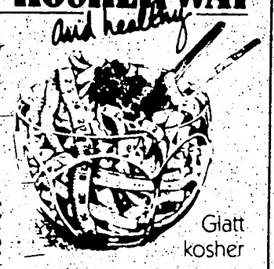

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Justice delayed

Forty-eight years after the end of World War II and two years after the artful recommendations of the Deschenes Commission, not a single Nazi war criminal has been brought to trial in Canada.

A recent article in Congress Monthly (July/August 1988) written by Canadian researchers Harold Troper and Morton Weinfeld, reminds us that in 1986 Justice Deschenes presented the Canadian cabinet with a list of 20 "hot" cases and another list of about 200 names requiring additional investigation.

While Judge Deschenes only recommended a specific course of action, the government followed that advice by enacting a "made in Canada" block of legislation designed in part to placate certain ethnic sensitivities in this country.

While not completely rejecting the possibility of deporting suspected Nazis to Iron Curtain countries, the government made it possible to prosecute those guilty of war crimes within Canadian jurisdictions. It was believed that enactment of the legislation was proof that the government was now fully prepared to use the courts in order to bring Nazis to justice.

Despite the available legislation, Canadian courts have not been inundated with suspected Nazi war criminals. Only one suspect, from Toronto, has been charged under the new sections of the Criminal Code. His trial will not begin until September.

In general, the government's criminal research and investigation unit is proceeding at a snail's pace. The charitable interpretation is that those preparing the relevant dossiers want to make sure that they have airtight cases before they come to court.

The problem is, however, that justice delayed in this instance, is justice denied. The surmise is that since the delivery of the Deschenes Commission recommendations, most of the suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada have now had enough time to leave this country.

As Troper and Weinfeld note: "But all agree that time is also running out. It will not be long before there are neither Nazis nor victims left to see justice done." If the government does not move quickly with its prosecution this will mean that the years of research and investigation which absorbed the Deschenes Commission and the people of Canada were for naught.

Jewish publishing

Kudos to YIVO, the New York City Institute for Jewish Research, for its current exhibition called *Revolutions in Print: Jewish Publishing Under the Czars and the Soviets.*

Reports indicate that the collection of printed materials (in Hebrew and Yiddish) on display reflect the incredible intellectual and cultural vitality of Russian Jewry for the last 100 years.

Curators for the exhibition, which continues through the summer, show that much of modern Jewish political and cultural activity originated among Jews in Russia. Both the Jewish Labor Bund and the Zionist movement reached its apogee during czarist times. Modern Hebrew and Yiddish literatures, say YIVO's experts, owe their very existence to Russian Jews.

The exhibition features a rare Hebrew treatise on mathematics written by the Vilna Gaon and published in the 1830s, as well as a late 19th century Zionist pamphlet authored by Yiddish writer Sholem Aleichem.

The printed material is testimony, among other things, to the vigor of Yiddish during the early Soviet period when it was designated as an official language. Yiddish schools, research institutes and presses were all officially subsidized by the Soviets during this period and this led to a flowering of the Yiddish language.

the YIVO exhibition features Yiddish textbooks for children and advanced manuals in the same language on agronomy, astronomy and zoology. Photographs, posters, recordings and sheet music — all with a Yiddish accent — are also on display.

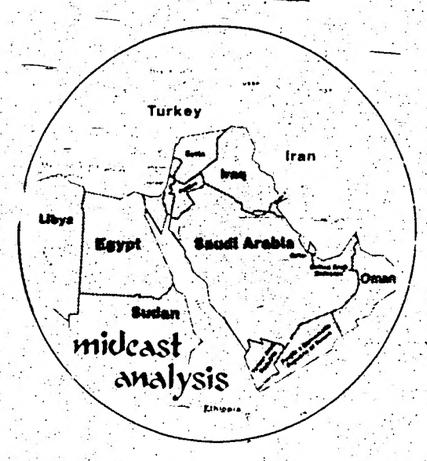
The published items also show Yiddish undergoing standardization in spelling and a tendency towards sycophancy in the celebrating (how ironic it seems today in the age of dissidents and Refuseniks) of Communist heroes such as Lenin. The use of Yiddish to praise politburo members in quasi messianic prose and poetry seems blasphemous.

It is not for us, however, to sit in judgment of the Russian Jews who went under the anvils of czars and commissars. The fact that they were able to maintain any national and cultural equilibrium during the periods of great historical turmoil is remarkable enough.

YIVO is to be congratulated for reminding us of that heroic time when Jewish civilization in Russia strove mightly to preserve language and culture.

Essays are far-ranging

Institute's book tour de force



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Publishers, sensing the drift of public taste, continue to inundate us with books about the Middle East. Here, for your summer reading, is merely a sampling of the avalanche...

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The Jaffee Center For Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University is one of Israel's most illustrious research institutes. Its books and monographs on the Middle East are invariably of interest, not only to scholars but to interested lay persons.

One of its most eagerly awaited publications, which is put out annually, is *The Middle East Military Balance (Westview Press, $40 U.S.)*, a reference book of infinite value.

Edited by Aharon Levran, a brigadier-general in the Israeli armed forces (reserves), *The Middle East Military Balance* is a tour de force of meticulous and fair-minded scholarship.

The essays in it are nothing if not far-ranging — from a sober consideration of strategic developments in the region to a country-by-country analysis of military strength and capabilities. The inclusion of comparative tables on such topics as the major armies of the Middle East, the Iran-Iraq war and the balance between Israel and Syria help clarify matters.

Levran, in his extended piece on the Arab military buildup and its effect on Israel, writes that the quality of both manpower and weaponry in Arab armies has improved. But he goes on to say that Israel maintains a qualitative edge over its enemies.

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Another book well worth reading, *Security in the Middle East (Westview Press, $38.50 U.S.)*, examines the problems in the area and their impact on the U.S.

It is divided into three parts — the first dealing with the broad theme of stability and change in the Middle East. The countries coming under scrutiny are Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran.

In the second part, the Palestinian question is examined. Simha Flapan's article, entitled The Long Search for Peace: A Progressive Israeli View, is particularly of importance.

In the last section, the role of the great powers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, is placed in its proper perspective.

The essays here were originally presented at a seminar sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington. What the essayists all have in common is a firm grasp of the facts, an ability to organize them cogently, and a talent for presenting the material in a readable fashion.

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In retrospect, David Ben-Gurion — Israel's first Prime Minister — emerges as a giant compared to some of the pygmies who subsequently tried to fill his shoes. He was a complex, highly difficult man who steered the young, vulnerable Jewish state past very dangerous shoals and sandbars.

In *Ben-Gurion (Franklin Watts, no price listed)*, Michael Bar-Zohar, his chief biographer, uses declassified Israeli documents, as well as Ben-Gurion's own archives, to shed further light on his policies and personality.

Bar-Zohar, who had a close personal relationship with his subject, writes of his early years in Palestine, his notorious feud with Chaim Weizmann (the first President of Israel), his attitude toward the Arabs, his involvement in the sticky Lavon Affair (which triggered his ultimate downfall) and his idiosyncracies.

Ben-Gurion may well be the best single volume on this great Israeli leader.

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Israel Undercover: Secret Warfare & Hidden Diplomacy in the Middle East (Syracuse University Press, $17.95 U.S.) reads, as might be expected, like a spy novel. Indeed, one sometimes wonders where Steve Posner, the author, obtained his information. Be that as it may, this is a fascinating and, one might add, a plausible, book.

Posner, co-founder and editor of a newsmagazine called Fast Times, attempts to get behind the scene in Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan and Israel. He deals with the murky world of Palestinian politics, and Mossad operations, in Lebanon; with the events that prompted the late Anwar Sadat to make his historic journey to Jerusalem in November of 1977; with the clandestine meetings King Hussein has held with Israeli leaders.

Faced with Palestinian unrest in his kingdom, King Hussein sent word to Israel in September of 1963 that he wanted to talk. Prime Minister Levi Eshkol dispatched Yaacov Herzog, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, to London. The talks, which covered terms for a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israeli dispute and mutual security concerns, took place in the clinic of a Jewish doctor who had treated the king.

Although they produced nothing of substance, they set a precedent, leading to many more secret face-to-face meetings between the king and Israelis like Moshe Dayan, Abba Eban, Yigal Allon, and more recently, Shimon Peres.

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The Palestinians, having been dispossessed and used by all the parties in the Arab-Israeli conflict, have, in desperation and rage, turned to terrorism. They've hijacked airplanes, stormed embassies, schools and settlements and resorted to hostage-taking.

Ariel Merari and Shlomi Elad, both of whom are associated with the Jaffee Center For Strategic Studies, delve into this facet of the Palestinian experience in *The International Dimension of Palestinian Terrorism (Westview Press, $18 U.S.)*.

This slim, fact-filled volume explores the ideological sources of, and the strategic and tactical considerations in, the terrorism they have undertaken since the Six Day War.

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In general, Jews and Arabs differ sharply on the Arab-Israeli dispute. No one, therefore, will be surprised by the verbal confrontation between Hyman Bookbinder and James Abourezk, two leading spokesmen for the American Jewish and Arab communities, in *Through Different Eyes (Adler & Adler, $18.95 U.S.)*.

Bookbinder, until recently, was special representative of the American Jewish Committee in Washington, while Abourezk, a former senator from South Dakota, is the founder and chairman of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Their debate on U.S. policy in the Middle East, which was moderated by New York Times Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Dayid Shipler, touches on all aspects of the Arab-Jewish conflict.

While Bookbinder states that U.S. policy toward Israel "is clearly in America's best interest," Abourezk says that "Israel's relationship to the United States emphasizes the worst aspects of our overall foreign policy."

There is no meeting of minds here. Their views may as well be carved in stone. Why, then, bother with *Through Different Eyes?* Because the debate is pungent and literate and raises questions which everyone should ponder.

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In a thought-provoking book cum-polemic, *The Lobby (Simon & Schuster, $19.95 U.S.)*, Edward Tivnan addresses a sensitive topic — the relationship of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) with the U.S. Jewish community and the State of Israel.

Tivnan believes that AIPAC, for all its well-intentioned support of Israel, has narrowed the focus of the Jewish community, squelched informed criticism of Israeli policy and misrepresented questionable Israeli actions to the White House, Congress and the American people.

It is a provocative thesis, but it is supported by facts. It bears consideration.

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Haim Chertok's collection of essays, *Stealing Home (Fordham University Press, $19.95)* relates the experiences of a young American Jew who settles in Israel.

These autobiographical essays are honest, pungent and well-written. Every Jew thinking of going on aliya should read them.

David Ben-Gurion

Both sensuous countries

Many cultural similarities between Israel, Spain

By
FRANK RASKY

MADRID —

"It is almost 500 years since the Jews were expelled from Spain, but even now you often feel their presence — shadowy, muted, but pervasive still. Many Spaniards have Jewish blood in them. Indeed, there was a time when most men of culture here were Jewish. And Spain possesses some of the doomed, self-centred, inspirational quality of Jewry — a feeling of isolation, of being a chosen race."

— Jan Morris in her book, Spain.

I was in the old Jewish quarter of Cordoba, one of the most ancient cities of Spain, when the cultural similarities really struck me.

It was a sultry evening, the temperature was sweltering at 106 degrees. I had checked into the Hotel Maimonides, a blue-tiled, Levantine-style caravanserai, slumbering in the shadow of Cordoba's Great Moslem Mosque. I opened my window on the moon-washed night.

It was then I began to realize how much the Jews and the Spaniards had in common. I felt I was in a curious time warp. It was as though my pilgrimage to Spain, in quest of her Jewish past and modern Jewish presence, had somehow led me instead to Israel: a medieval Israel with a flamenco beat.

Both Spain and Israel are truly sensuous countries of the Mediterranean, I thought, as I sat by the hotel window at midnight soaking up the exotic atmosphere. The air was perfumed with the sweet smells of jasmine and oleander and orange blossoms. The sounds were a strange medley.

I could hear the *clop, clop, clop* of horse-drawn carriages driving tourists on the narrow, twisting, cobblestoned roads as tortuous as the bazaar alleys of Jerusalem. I heard the *creek, creek, creek* chorus of crickets trilling, the warbling of nightingales known in Spain as *boul-bouls*, and the clang of cathedral bells striking the time melodiously every 15 minutes.

And far off, I heard some romantic caballero plucking on a guitar and serenading his senorita with one of the plaintive flamenco folk ballads that the Spanish call *cante jondo*. It means "deep song." It's a blend of the piercing *muezzin* call of the Moslem and Hebraic liturgical wail, usually a tremulous lament of love, loss, and sometimes religious passion. This ballad told of melancholy heartbreak, and the beginning lyrics still haunt me:

"Where are you going, Petenera?
Where are you going, pretty Jewess?"
"I am going to meet Rebecca
Who awaits me at the synagogue . . ."

Restored synagogue historic site

The synagogue may well have been the exquisite house of worship that was built in 1315 on what is still called *Calle de los Judios* (Street of the Jews). When I visited it the next morning, a Hebrew inscription on the front wall of the 1-storey building informed me that its architect was Isaac Moheb Ben Ephraim.

But clearly he was influenced by the Moorish style of architecture: a filigree of lacelike geometric patterns.

From the upper women's gallery, I could see the intricately carved plasterwork above the niche where the Torah Scrolls were kept in the Ark. The three arcades over the entrance are embellished with Hebraic quotations from Psalms of the Old Testament.

In the 15th century, the synagogue was converted into the Church of Saint Crispin. Centuries later it housed the Cobblers' Guild. The Spanish government has since restored it as an historic site known as the Rambam Synagogue.

That name is an acronym for Rabbi Moses Ben Maimon, born in Cordoba in 1135 and its most world renowned native son.

He is better known to Jews as Maimonides or the "second Moses." Philosopher, religious sage and royal physician, he was the author of such monumental biblical studies as the *Mishneh Torah* and *Guide for the Perplexed*.

His works influenced illustrious non-Jewish philosophers the likes of Thomas Aquinas and Herbert Spencer and are significant for his advanced ideas. For example, he denounced astrology as a pseudo-science not to be confused with the bona fide science of astronomy, and categorized believers in witchcraft as "fools and ignoramuses."

In 1204, when he died in Egypt, where he was court physician to the sultan of Cairo, his remains, according to his instruction, were taken to Tiberias in Israel. His grave there remains a place of pilgrimage for pious Jews, who regard him as the foremost Hebrew thinker since the days of Moses: "Between Moses and Moses, there was no one like unto Moses."

Both Israel and Spain have issued postage stamps bearing his likeness. The Spanish government further honored him in 1964 by erecting his statue in a Cordoba square that has been renamed Plazuela de Maimonides.

It has become an important tourist attraction, located off one of the many charming patios in the former Jewish quarter. Bathed in the light of butter-yellow sunshine reminiscent of Jerusalem, these plazas are noted for their whitewashed limestone tile-roofed houses, their gracefully wrought iron window grilles and gates, and their second-storey balconies resplendent with flower pots of scarlet carnations and cascading blue bougainvillaea.

Dominating the Maimonides courtyard is the bronze figure of the spade-bearded theologian. He sits on a plain marble bench, wearing the robes and twisted turban of the desert wanderer. In his lap he holds a book kept open by his right thumb. He has the serene philosophic bearing that brings to mind the poetic tribute paid to him by one of his grateful Moslem patients:

Maimonides heals the body and the soul.
His knowledge made him the physician of the century.
He could heal with his wisdom the sickness of ignorance.
If the moon would submit to his art,
He would free her of the spots during full moon.

Ironically, though Cordoba has now enshrined Maimonides as its local boy who made good, the city treated him shabbily when he was a boy. On his 13th birthday, immediately after his bar mitzvah in the year 1148, the intellectual prodigy was forced to flee the city along with his rabbinical father. The fanatical Berber Arabs had crossed the 8-mile Strait of Gibraltar separating Spain from Morocco and vanquished Cordoba. Its Jews were compelled to embrace Islam or be slain.

This was a radical departure. For the Jewish Sephardim (from *Sepharad*, the Hebrew word for Spain) had been the traditional allies of the Arab-speaking Moors (from *blackamoors*, the suntanned Moslems from North Africa) since the year 711. It was then that the Moors had conquered most of the city-state kingdoms of southern Spain, heretofore ruled by the Christian German Visigoths and the pagan Romans before them.

Cordoba was named the capital of Moslem Spain. And for four centuries the Arabic followers of Mohammed lived harmoniously with their fellow racial semites, the Sephardic Jews.

This period was the golden age of Spanish Jewry.

Quite apart from their mutual devotion to the prophets Abraham and Moses, the Moslems and the Jews shared a love for the arts and education. Their combined culture flourished most brilliantly in the 10th century, during the enlightened regime of the Caliph Abderrahman III, "The Just." With the aid of his "court Jew" — his physican, diplomat, and patron of the arts, Joshua Hasdai Ibn Shaprut — the caliph transformed Cordoba into the most civilized centre of Europe.

It was the Athens of the West. Jewish and Arab scholars collaborated in exploring philosophy, mathematics, science, linguistics, poetry, music and medicine. At its peak, the city had a population of a million, a unique library containing 400,000 volumes, and the first talmudic academy in Europe. It was rich in palaces, mosques, gardens and fountains.

Unlike the barbaric Christians (who equated their unwashed priestly clothes with the "odor of sanctity"), the Jews and Arabs believed that cleanliness was next to godliness, and ritual baths were part of their religion. Among other things, these former desert dwellers introduced indoor plumbing, most notably flush toilets and spigots from which flowed a choice of hot water, cold water and perfumed water.

The Jews of Spain ultimately became wealthy grandees, with a touch of hauteur. They were bankers and ambassadors and judges, tax collectors, interpreters and astronomers, eminent artisans who excelled as goldsmiths and leather craftsmen. And like the Arabic voluptuaries, they acquired a taste for the sensual pleasures of life.

A typical bacchanalia was described in these lush terms by a Jewish poet of Cordoba, Dunash Ben Labrat:

In an orchard of pomegranates, palms and vines,
Full of pleasant plants and tamarisk;
To the hum of fountains and the throb of lutes,
To the sound of singers, flutes and lyres,
We shall eat sweets as we drink by the bowlful
We shall act like giants, drinking from huge goblets,
We shall anoint ourselves with fragrant oil and burn aloe incense,
O, before doom overtakes us, let us enjoy ourselves in peace.

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Alas, for Jews and Moslems the era of peaceful co-existence terminated cruelly for both in 1492.

Today that fateful year is remembered by the world as the discovery year when Christopher Columbus planted the Spanish flag in the New World (actually, the coral island of San Salvador in the Bahamas). He took possession of its riches on behalf of the newly powerful Catholic monarchs of unified Spain, Queen Isabella (originally heiress to the throne of the city-state kingdom of Castile) and King Ferdinand (heir to the throne of Aragon).

It was also the year when the zealous Christian couple subjugated the last remaining Moorish caliph in southern Granada and issued their infamous edict of expulsion. It meant that Jews and Moslems were required to convert to Catholicism or leave the country within four months.

All Spanish tour guides are instructed to show visitors this statue in Codoba of the Jewish Rambam, philosopher Maimonides. [Frank Rasky photo]

The Jews, who had contributed their intelligence and their talents to Spain for more than 1,000 years, were stunned by this harsh decree. An estimated 170,000 to 400,000 Jews chose to leave rather than renounce their faith.

They were herded out of Spain like cattle, exploited by the royal exchequer, which expropriated their homes and synagogues. A contemporary chronicler noted: "Some sold a house for an ass and a vineyard for a little cloth and linen, since they could not take away gold."

Nobody knows for sure, but at least 60,000 Jews accepted compulsory baptism. An unknown number of these converts were called *Marranos*, Spanish for "pig." It signified they were secret Jews who led a double life; they pretended to be pork-eaters in public, but privately maintained the rituals of the Jewish faith.

These false *Conversos* became principal victims of the Holy Inquisition, established by Ferdinand and Isabella to execute Jews, Moslems, Protestants and miscellaneous heretics.

It is a monstrous irony that Tomas de Torquemeda, the former Queen's confessor and the notorious Grand Inquisitioner, was himself of Jewish descent. Evidently he and his fellow Jewish Conversos, who developed the rack and thumbscrews and other Inquisition horrors, felt they had to prove themselves more Catholic than the Pope.

The alleged apostates were often accused by anonymous informers (frequently in debt to the money-lending Jews) and were tortured until they confessed to being pseudo-Christians.

They were then subjected to the *auto-da-fe* (literally "act of faith"), meaning they were paraded before the public dressed in bizarre yellow sacking and Ku Klux Klan-like fools' caps and burned at the stake.

Watching the poor wretches die screaming in the blazing pyres was a popular entertainment, akin to bear-baiting and the later bloody sport of bull-fighting. Until it was officially abolished in 1834, the Spanish Inquisition claimed a total of 341,000 victims, of whom more than 32,000 were roasted alive.

As for the edict expelling the Jews, it was finally abolished by the Spanish government on Dec. 16, 1968. The official document, signed by Spain's minister of justice, was then presented to the Jewish community at the dedication of Beth Yaacov Synagogue in Madrid where it remains today.

(First of a 2-part series on A Jew's Pilgrimage To Jewish Spain.)

Tips to tour Jewish Spain

Two excellent guide books — *A Journey Through Jewish Spain* and *Exploring The Jewish Heritage In Spain* — are available free of charge if you get in touch with: Spanish National Tourist Office, 102 Bloor St. W., Suite 1400, Toronto M5S 1M8 (Phone 416-961-3131).

Also recommended is a more detailed, 107-page, city-by-city booklet, *Jewish Spain, A Guide*, by Manuel Aguilar and Ian Robertson, which includes maps of the sites and pertinent addresses and phone numbers of Jewish community leaders. It's published by Altalena Press, SA, 2 Cochabamba St., Madrid 28016.

If you're interested in the chief Jewish literary figures of Spain in the Middle Ages, we recommend the 161-page book of essays, *The Jews In Cordoba*, edited by Jesus Pelaez del Rosal. It's published by El Almandro Editions, 10 El Almendro, Cordoba, Spain 14006.

Israel's political parties woo powerful Arab voters

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM —

If Israeli Arabs were to vote as a block, they could win 12 to 14 seats in the November elections, and perhaps hold the balance of power in the next Knesset.

In the 1984 elections, 60% of their votes went to the Communists and the Progressive List for Peace, both predominantly Arab parties. The other 40% went to predominantly Jewish parties, with Labor claiming by far the largest share.

This time, with separatist sentiments growing among Israeli Arabs by leaps and bounds, Jewish parties are likely to garner far fewer Arab votes.

Yet despite their bleak prospects, parties of the Left — Labor, Mapam and the Citizens' Rights Movement — all have Arab candidates high up on their lists, while Labor and the Centre Party have Druze candidates with a fair chance of election. Parties further to the right have not nominated a single Arab or Druze, though there still remains some possibility of Herut putting a Druze nominee on its slate.

Left-wing lists are using scare tactics, urging Arabs to vote for moderate, predominantly Jewish parties in order to ward off a right-wing victory when voting takes place on Nov. 1, in the words of Labor dove Dr. Ephraim Sneh, former head of the civil government in the administered areas: "Arab votes may determine whether Israel gets a government that will seek peace or one that will try to transfer Arabs out of the country."

Even right-wing and religious parties without Arab candidates are trying to win Arab votes, using time-honored patronage to do so. Spearheading the National Religious Party's campaign in this sphere is Tufik Abed, a Moslem who has run the NRP's Arab department for the last quarter-century. He argues that religious Jews and Moslems have many common values and, if this ideological argument isn't sufficient to convince potential Arab supporters, he uses NRP political clout to get building licences, scholarships and other goodies for them.

Opinion

Despite the incidents, life goes on as usual in Israel

By
WENDY ROSEN

JERUSALEM —

It was about 8 p.m. on a hot mid-July night on Ben Yehuda St. The mariachi singer diagonally across from the little falafel kiosk where we were sitting had just finished and was talking to the crowd.

Little groups of people eyeing the offerings of the street vendors, eating, drinking and socializing were clustered everywhere on the pedestrian mall. It was a feast for anyone who enjoyed people watching — from an elderly couple sharing a shwarma to the young mother trying to comfort her crying infant.

After relaxing and absorbing the atmosphere, we (my sister and I were in Israel for two weeks in July) decided to go back for one item in a little shop at the top end of the street. Mission accomplished within five minutes, we were outside strolling towards the south end to get a taxi.

We crossed Ha-Histadrut and noticed a police officer stationed in the centre near the curb of the mall. There was absolutely no-one from that point to 100 feet south. He had blocked traffic.

A young Israeli standing next to us on the corner explained that someone had noticed an unattended package beside a chair at one of the outdoor cafes and had called the police, who in turn called the army and the bomb squad.

It may have been just a careless tourist who had forgotten souvenirs but, in Israel, he said, no chances are taken.

Within minutes, the army arrived and the bomb squad, the members of which quickly donned asbestos protection. The police had by this time cleared the area and forced the crowd back another 50 feet. The people in the apartments above the stores were not evacuated — in fact, some craned their necks out the window to watch.

Two members of the bomb squad stood diagonally across from each other with the package in the centre. Using a rope, they gradually moved the package a few feet to a more central area. As the crowd watched, the officers placed a device over the package, moved back and detonated it.

A loud explosion was heard and we saw a whiff of smoke. (Was it really a bomb? Some speculated no while others, including an army officer, said yes.)

In less than a minute, the squad had collected its equipment and departed as did the army officers. The police faded into the background and the crowd started to move freely through that area, buying drinks and food and socializing — just the same as 15 minutes earlier.

It was as if there never had been an incident.

When asked, the Israeli said with a shrug, these things happen; that he saw worse when he was in the army. Although it might seem overly cautious, one can't afford to take chances, he added.

Another man said that abandoned packages, especially at the bus station, are routinely detonated.

Their attitude is typical of most Israelis — despite the incidents, life goes on. That waiting to have a package detonated is just another minor inconvenience like waiting to buy groceries or do banking.

In fact, this incident was not even reported in the next day's Jerusalem Post. It was as if disturbances are so commonplace that they don't get reported or if they do, they're relegated to the back pages — they're not news.

What seems to be the reel world to a Canadian, unaccustomed to such activities except on the movie screen, is actually real life for Israelis — and for that matter most Europeans who tend to be more used to threats and disturbances than North Americans.

European travel to Israel, unlike North American, is not down. They realize that a normal existence while on holiday is possible. The beaches are safe and one can walk and tour without fear.

One day we spent more than four hours traipsing through the Old City. Two days earlier, Arab youths threw stones at security officers. People were injured.

The guide had said that even if tourists went by themselves to the Old City, they would be safe as the Arab youths are not aiming at tourists or Jews — only at security officers, who know who the instigators are.

During our 2-week stay, the Ben Yehuda St. incident was the only one out of the norm. Our trip included travelling through the West Bank ont the way from Jerusalem south to Qumran as well as north along the Jordanian border before going west along the border with Lebanon to Acco and Haifa. Then it was south along the Mediterranean coastal highway to Tel Aviv.

We saw army camps near border locations, and, yes, the officers we saw bore arms.

You expected to see these soldiers and, perhaps, might even have worried if they hadn't been there armed to protect the borders from attack.

What was a little more disconcerting was seeing non-Arab youths brandishing rifles in some of the more northern areas. At Banias, for instance, in the picnic-like area in front of the stream, a number of youths carried and waved their rifles. The scenario was similiar in Acco, where we watched craftsmen etch designs into silver and brass plates.

The disturbance in the territories will not affect tourists. [IPPA photo]

In towns and cities away from the border, you would never see civilians with weapons.

In Tel Aviv, where we spent the first five days before taking the tour, most of the soldiers we saw were strolling along the Dizengoff eating a falafel or having a drink — just like everybody else. Some were alone while others were in pairs — just like everybody else.

Activities in the city are not affected at all by the unrest. A 6-night festival of music, dance, theatre and art called Jaffa Nights was staged in Jaffa in early July. There was something offered for every taste.

In music, for instance, the styles ranged from chamber pieces to jazz. Shlomo Gronich and the Israel Chamber Music Orchestra premiered a work composed by Gronich especially for the festival.

Street shows featured jugglers and clowns, two of whom we witnessed on 6-foot stilts walking effortlessly up and down the cobblestoned steep road adjacent to the Israel Experience.

Excitement is building for October's musical extravaganza at the base of Masada. Zubin Mehta and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will be among the 400 performers from Israel and abroad.

Life as usual. Events staged to commemmorate and celebrate Israel's 40th anniversary go on as planned with nary a hitch — the only one being the disappointing turnout of North American Jewry.

Each year at Passover, Jews say with some degree of feeling, "Next year in Jerusalem."

For North Americans, especially Canadians (who tend to be even more sheltered), postponing a visit until things are quieter is a shame for both themselves (it is unlikely the unrest will affect the quality of their visit) as well as Israelis, who need to share with fellow Jews their pride in the nation's accomplishments in 40 short years.

Some Israelis expressed disappointment that there is not more of a feeling of celebrating together to make Israel's 40th a special year. One said, "It was as if we held a party and few people came."

North American Jewry has played a major role in making Israel the country it is — the world class status of science and technology as well as the cultural life as seen in the preponderance of galleries and museums.

Next year in Jerusalem? No — make it this year and revel in the celebrations.

Enough evidence to try Waldheim

DAVID MATAS, a legal counsel to the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights and co-author with Susan Charendoff of *Justice Delayed: Nazi War Criminals in Canada*, discusses the Waldheim case.

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How can Kurt Waldheim be brought to justice? There is evidence available to justify that he be tried.

The U.S. government has barred Waldheim from entry into the U.S. In order to decide to bar him, U.S. governmental authorities had, by law, to come to the conclusion that Waldheim participated in Nazi persecution. The justice minister of Israel has said that the government of Israel has enough evidence to put Waldheim on trial as an accessory to war crimes.

The Commission of Historians appointed by the Austrian government concluded in their report that Waldheim helped pave the way for the commission of war crimes by others. He went along with unlawful acts and made them easier to carry out. The report said Waldheim repeatedly assisted in connection with war crimes and thereby facilitated their execution.

Waldheim, himself, has protested his innocence. In assessing those protestations an important distinction must be kept in mind. Waldheim did not murder anyone himself, with his bare hands, or order someone else to do that. But aiding and abetting a war crime is a war crime. Being an accessory or an accomplice to a war crime is a war crime. Knowingly facilitating the commission of a war crime is a war crime in its own right. The evidence is overwhelming that Waldheim committed war crimes of this sort.

So, how can Waldheim be brought before the bar of justice to answer the accusations made against him? If Waldheim were to go to Israel, or to try to go to the U.S., the answer is easy. Israel would try Waldheim if he were there.

When the U.S. barred Waldheim from entry, it did so without a trial. Waldheim is free to challenge the U.S. ban imposed upon him. If he attempts to enter the U.S., in spite of the ban, a hearing would then be held to determine whether the ban should be lifted.

If Waldheim were to come to Canada, he would be prosecuted here. The Canadian government has not said it would do so. Even without any official statement of the government of Canada, the law requires it. In 1987, Parliament passed a war crimes law requiring, in effect, prosecution of war criminals found in Canada, no matter where the crime was committed, as long as the crime was a crime at international law at the time it was committed. Should Waldheim enter Canada, he would appear to fit squarely within the law.

The logical place to prosecute any person accused of war crimes is either the place where his crimes were committed, or the place where he is. In the case of Waldheim that means either Yugoslavia or Greece, the countries of the crimes, or Austria where Waldheim is now president.

Yugoslavia is a logical place for more reasons than one. The Yugoslav State Commission on War Crimes, in 1947, recommended that Waldheim be apprehended and surrendered to stand trial on war crimes charges. The government of Yugoslavia in 1948 asked the UN War Crimes Commission to classify Waldheim as a war criminal. As a result of the Yugoslav request, the commission gave Waldheim an "A" rating, reserved for suspects against whom the commission believed there was a clear cut case meriting immediate prosecution.

For Yugoslavia now to request extradition of Waldheim would be a logical extension of what the government did in 1947 and 1948. Indeed, consistency requires it.

Yugoslav offers diplomatic response

I was recently in Yugoslavia and met with Yugoslav officials, to raise the matter of the Waldheim extradition with them. The concern I was met with was above all a diplomatic one. Mirko Ostojic, chief of the commission for international relations and a member of the presidency of the Socialist Alliance, with whom I met, said: "We want to do our best; but at the same time; we want to have good relations with Austria. We cannot have good relations with Canada, which is far away from us, at the expense of bad relations with Austria, which is our neighbor."

The tendency of Yugoslav authorities is to foist the responsibility for dealing with the Waldheim issue off on others. In a general way, the point being made is a valid one. The responsibility of bringing Kurt Waldheim to justice is not that of Yugoslavia alone. It is the responsibility of the international community as a whole. The international community chose Waldheim to be secretary-general of the United Nations not once, but twice. The UN was founded as an institution to combat the human rights violations central to the Nazi ideology. Having a Nazi war criminal suspect as its head besmirched and defiled the UN. The international community has to take action against Waldheim simply in order to reassert the integrity of the UN and of the international community itself.

Canada has been part of this international picture. And Canada has been as tentative as the Yugoslavs, with a good deal less reason. I wrote to External Affairs to ask that Canada bar Waldheim from coming into the country. Joe Clark took the position that Waldheim would not be invited to come to Canada, but went no further. It was not far enough. Not inviting Waldheim will, no doubt, keep him out of Canada but only a ban will send a clear and unequivocal message to the international community that Waldheim should be prosecuted.

A Yugoslav call for international action cuts both ways. Yugoslavia is not the sole answer to the Waldheim problem. But it is part of the answer. Its voice is an important one in the chorus of concern that must be raised, if anything is ever to be done about Waldheim.

At the end of the day, the most likely place for prosecution is Austria itself.

However that prosecution is truly for the end of the day. It is not immediate. The Austrians elected Waldheim as their president knowing much of the war crimes story about him. The present government of Austria supports him.

The rate of anti-semitism in Austria today remains alarmingly high. The overall Nazi war criminal effort in Austria has been pitiful. If Austrians are faced with the quasi unanimous judgment of the international community that Waldheim should be prosecuted, then he will be prosecuted. As long as Waldheim retains support externally, he will use that support to fend off prosecution internally.

The statue that holds the scales of justice is blindfolded. The symbol of justice weighs the pros and cons of the case before her on the balance scales, blind to the title or position of the litigants. It should not matter that Kurt Waldheim is president of Austria. It should not matter what the state of diplomatic relations between Yugoslavia and Austria is. All that should matter is that there is an accused. There are crimes. There is enough evidence to justify the accused being brought to court.

In that sense, it should not matter who Kurt Waldheim is or was. In another sense, it matters very much. Waldheim, because of who he is, has become a symbol for careerism justifying any crime, for power as a refuge from prosecution, for the hypocrisy of the UN. By doing nothing about Kurt Waldheim, we turn our backs to the ideals of the UN, to the principle of equality of all, no matter what their position, before the law, and to morality in government affairs.

Waldheim is not accused of being a major war criminal. He is accused of being a minor war criminal. But the refusal to prosecute anyone, because of who he is, becomes a major blight on justice.

Waldheim was and is a world figure. A failure to bring Waldheim to justice is an affront not only to the Austrian system of justice. It is an affront to justice for all of humanity. Bringing Waldheim to justice has become a test of the commitment to justice of the people of the planet itself.

Opinion

"Miracle of Bathurst St."

Asian heirs of Jewish stores promote Yiddishkeit

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Last week's column traced the transformation of old Toronto's section of sleepy Bathurst St. into the throbbing heartland of the ever-northward-moving Jewish community of Metro-Toronto. We also showed how the downtowners brought their retail enterprises: groceries, butcher shops, and of course, their "cigar and stationery" stores into the rapidly-developing new Jewish Bathurst St. that galloped northward from Eglinton Ave.

J. B. Salsberg

Well, as I told you a week ago, the corner stores that traditionally stayed open till midnight did not appeal to the children of the Jewish owners and those businesses were eagerly purchased by the newcomers to Canada from Asia, etc., who were and still seem to be ready to work long hours and 7-day weeks with the help of their families, as the original Jewish owners once did.

But the miracle that this change of corner store ownership in Jewish neighborhoods has wrought has really to be seen to be fully appreciated.

These friendly, hard-working owners, who may not have seen, or even heard of a Jew before they landed here, have become exceptionally knowledgeable in Jewish customs, traditions, religious practices and all kashruth. Fantastic!

For instance:

Many, if not all, of those Asian-Canadian owners of the corner stores on the Bathurst St. strip sell almost all Jewish publications from all over the world in their stores. Yes, and they are in Hebrew, English, Yiddish etc. In this area I had an astonishing experience a year or two ago.

I was in Bathurst Street's major Jewish bookstore that also sells a selected number of Jewish newspapers and periodicals. I asked for a current copy of a notoriously "anti-Zionist" chassidic paper (in Yiddish) to read, what I've been told, was a particularly vitriolic attack on Israel, Zionism, etc. My bookseller didn't have it and I suspected that he didn't care to handle that publication, for which I cannot blame him. But I was advised to go across the street where I might get a copy in the corner variety store.

I did and, upon entry, a smiling young Asian rose from his seat behind the counter and I asked him for a copy of that publication. He smiled bewilderingly and asked: "Are you Jewish?" "Sure am," I replied. "But," he said, while placing his hand on his head, "but, no hat!"

I smiled and assured him that I was one nevertheless. He then lifted his hand to his chin and said, "no beard!" I patiently explained the facts of Jewish life to him. But much to his regret there were no copies of that paper left anyway. That's Bathurst St., in some areas at least.

But in another such Bathurst St. corner store, operated by an extremely friendly Asian-extraction family, I found that that emporium was a veritable beehive of Jewish lifestyle activity, with the accent on the chassidic. For instance:

In addition to the astronomical number of items on the packed shelves, Jewishness blooms there with care and encouragement. The most prominent sight that hits the eyes of a customer as he enters is, of course, the friendly lady behind the small counter. That counter in front of her is a blooming garden of Yiddishkeit! Sabbath candles, Yahrzeit candles, a Lubavitch collection box, and a sample jar of Kosher Schav! At the entrance there is, of course, a full display of every type of Jewish journalistic offering in all "Jewish languages" (including English, of course).

If that doesn't convey the Yiddishkeit of that convenience store, then I don't know what would. No Spadina, College or, even, Kensington Ave. Jewish corner store was ever as Jewish in their merchandise displays as is the non-Jewish owned corner store on north Bathurst St. that I describe here. But that's not all.

This friendly, non-Jewish-owned corner store has also become a popular gathering place for scores of teen-aged chassidim, adorned with "yarmulkes," visible "tzitzes," lovely Jewish faces who speak a delightful Yiddish as well as English.

They come for candies . . . and the non-Jewish woman behind the counter provides them with *kosher candies*. The lord help a youngster if his hand should, accidentally, reach out to a non-kosher candy box. She watches like a hawk that they not touch a non-kosher product in her store . . .

Was a Spadina Ave. or College St. Neighborhood cigar and stationery store as meticulously observant of the kashrut of its products? Never! But now, the former Jewish owned and presently Asian-Canadian-owned corner stores on Bathurst St., the heart of Toronto Jewry, does and does it at all hours of day and night, seven days a week!

It's the miracle of Bathurst St.!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 200 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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TRAGIC BUT SOOTHING

I have always enjoyed David Birkan's historical vignettes; though tragic, these stories are nevertheless soothing because they make us feel that our differences may, after all, be less important then our consciousness of a common history. So it is too bad he chose to spoil all this recently by filling his column with the musings of one Rabbi Eli Munk, "a former Torontonian now living in Jerusalem," who would probably be more comfortable in Qom.

According to Rabbi Munk, the notion, on which democracy is based, that human beings can be the authors of their own salvation "is so opposed to Jewish philosophy that anyone subscribing to it is guilty of the most fundamental heresy," and that from democracy flow "the possibilities of deceit, corruption, unbridled self interest, and other evils." He contrasts this to the system of checks and balances of a Torah state, in which the powers of a hereditary king are checked by no less than God Himself.

The catch is that His command is funneled through the Sanhedrin, and they are very much humans. So in this kingdom where "The Almighty Himself makes the final decision," to quote Rabbi Immanuel Shochet, the state is in effect run by none other than those familiar forces, the nobility and the clergy, at the expense, as we know, of everybody else. It took several centuries for Western countries to divest themselves of this legacy, which Rabbi Munk claims with pride as our contribution to "uplifting humankind from moral and ethical barbarity." Well, thanks for the honor, but no thanks. Our record on keeping the clergy out of the state's business may not be the best, but so far we have not created Khomeini-like regimes. Let's us hope we continue to resist pressure to do so.

I. S. Alalouf
Town of Mount Royal, Que.

David Birkan replies: Torah and ethics is the traditional ideal.

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GENERAL RESPONSE

I refer to the excellent article by Janice Arnold in your issue of July 14 on the sad plight of Julius Plakht, the Russian ballet master who is in Montreal for treatment of advanced cancer at the Montreal General Hospital.

Ms. Arnold referred to myself as one of three principal contributors to help defray hospital costs for this humanitarian endeavor.

It should be clearly understood that while I am personally contributing a modest sum for this purpose, my main involvement has been to privately solicit contributions from a select group of concerned individuals who have responded generously to the appeal.

Lester Lazarus
Montreal

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QUEEN ESTHER'S EXAMPLE

Just a quick thought about the worries of some people who concern themselves with what they think to be a bad role model in Kitty Dukakis. Yes, she is Jewish and she is married to a Greek Orthodox and she may become the First Lady of the United States of America. If those same people had been around in the days of Queen Esther none of us would have anything to worry about today.

Andrea Marcus
Toronto

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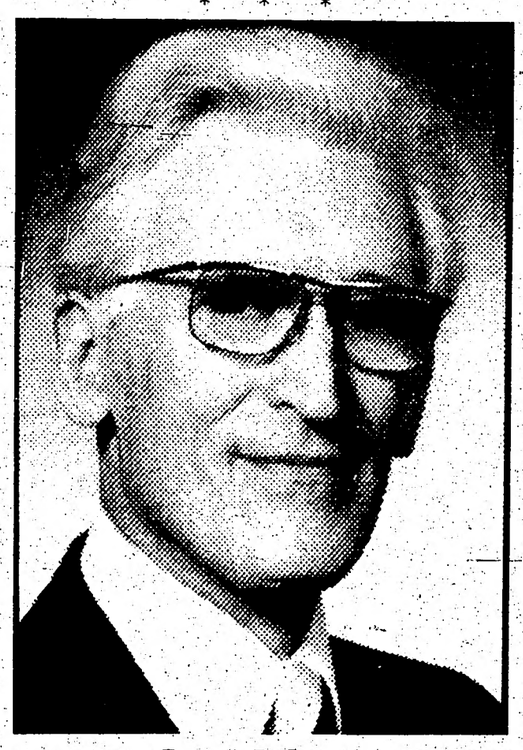

Rev. A.P. Lee

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Your caption "Ross Supporter taking Up Toronto Pastorate" emblazoned across page 14 of your issue of July 14, was misleading. My position is that of maintaining the rights of free expression — not for Malcolm Ross, per se, but for all Canadians in accordance with our judges' interpretation of our Charter of Rights. Your article also ignored our attorney-general's more recent statement that New Brunswick did right in not prosecuting Ross.

With regard to controversial writers, be it a Malcolm Ross who alleges Zionism to be a conspiracy, or a Hugh Schonfield who claimed in his "Passover Plot" that Christianity is based on a contrived deception — let their arguments be analyzed and duly rebutted by competent opponents, but without crying for their prosecution. Such are the freedoms of writers and the privileges of the press in our free society, unless, of course, there is a proven case of malicious intent without cause.

You raise a question that my move to Toronto might have an association with the Ross controversy. This is an absurd invention. A Baptist minister's acceptance of a congregation's invitation is a free choice. Your biographical research is sadly deficient and makes no mention of my strong and sustained pro-Israel position, the fact that I am a board member of International Ministries to Israel (U.S.A.), my having served twice on Moncton's Jewish Holocaust Committee, and my close relations with the Jewish community in Boston, when I served as pastor of Tremont Temple for 10 years.

If, for the protection of our children in school, restrictions are to be placed on teachers in terms of rights of publication, religious or political expressions, and in moral behavior, then let these criteria be clearly defined so that persons entering the profession will be left in no doubt as to their forfeiture of what they would normally consider to be their citizens' rights. I have no problem with this, but for people to pour contempt on a teacher is not only a pre-Copernican technique, it is sure to be counterproductive as in Ross's. To introduce the Holocaust as an optional history course is a much more sensible approach — especially for educators.

Rev. Arthur Paterson Lee
Moncton, NB

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MANY COMPLIMENTS

This is to thank you for your excellent article on Medi-Guard which appeared in the June 30 issue of The Canadian Jewish News.

I have already received many compliments on the quality of the reporting and I believe that the article fairly describes what we have done.

We thank you for your interest and hope we can keep you informed as to our progress.

Arnold Noyek M.D.
Toronto

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LET'S TRY MARGARINE!

I am writing you to reinforce the editor's note to Dr. Bernard Shapiro's letter to the editor in your edition of July 7 re putter/pitter. I am surprised that Dr. Shapiro, who attended a Yiddish school in Montreal, came out of it with the idea that Polish, Russian and Romanian Jews "mispronounce" their Yiddish vowels and diphthongs.

Their vocalization is not an error but is as legitimate as the so-called standard which is not a standard but a spelling convention. The late Drs. Weinreich (not Weinrauch) both father and son, have themselves pointed out that Yiddish spelling is "utraquistic" — i.e. that it allows each dialect group to apply its own sound values to the given letters. Therefore, to say pitter is as acceptable in Yiddish as in English for a Bostonian or a south country Englishman to drop their "r's" or a Scot to trill his r's.

What's more, the misprounciation he refers to is the standard pronunciation of the Yiddish stage, because, historically, the Yiddish theatre started in Romania. The noted Yiddish philologist, Dr. Solomon Birbaum, now in his 90s and a resident of Toronto, takes the opposite position to Dr. Shapiro; he recognizes the southern (in his terms Galician) form as standard, purely on the basis of numbers (pre-Holocaust, of course). But he still writes it putter in Hebrew letters, yet reads it pitter.

Finally, let me say that I write this as a Litvak ben Litvak (admittedly an endangered species in predominantly Polish-Jewish Toronto) who was raised on the pronunciation your correspondent describes as "standard" but am writing this in the interests of yoisher/yaisher.

Ben Kayfetz
Toronto

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IT'S PITTER ON BROYT

I would like to correct Dr. Bernard Shapiro regarding Yiddish pronounciation (CJN July 7). Quoting YIVO sources, he maintains that because the word for "butter" is spelled with a "vov" and not a "yud," "pitter is a mispronounciation made by Polish, Russian and Romanian Jews."

Dr. Shapiro may not know that YIVO's "standard Yiddish" (klal Yidish) was formed so that there could be a teaching standard, and not because any particular pronounciation is "right" or "wrong."

I have studied YIVO's standard Yiddish in university-level courses, and yet I have adopted a Polish pronunciation to speak with your young children. And they, who are growing up fluent in Yiddish, have pitter on their broyt.

David M. Sherman
Thornhill, Ont.

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BRAVO TO GASNER

The staff of the C.A.R.E. Centre would like to thank Cynthia Gasner for her excellent article on our Women's Reproductive Health Centre.

We look forward to providing personal, and quality, medical care to the women of the Mississauga and Toronto area.

Dr. Wendy Wolfman
Clinical Associates
in Reproductive
Endocrinology & Medicine
Toronto

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MEDINA RUN BY A BOARD

I enjoyed Heather Solomon's most interesting article on Sylvia Lennick, who appeared in *Social Security* at The Piggery in North Hatley recently (CJN June 30). However one small correction. Medina Theatre Ensemble (not Medina Players) is not run by me or any other individual, but by a 10-person board of directors.

Niggling aside, I recommend a trip to North Hatley by anyone in the Montreal area — it's a delightful theatre in a lovely setting.

Carol Libman
Toronto

World-National

Two complaints spark probe

NB rights commission seeks board's Ross files

By PAUL LUNGEN

MONCTON, NB — The New Brunswick Human Rights Commission investigation of Malcolm Ross has turned to the District 15 school board for information and personal records concerning the controversial Moncton-area teacher.

But the board, concerned with keeping the Ross files private, has asked its lawyers to determine to what extent it need comply with the HRC investigation.

Carl Ross (no relation to Malcolm Ross), chairman of the District 15 school board, said the board felt the teacher's right to confidentiality might be infringed if the board complied with the request.

Calling the HRC request "highly irregular," Ross said the board has asked for time in which its lawyer can look at the legal ramifications of the HRC request.

The investigation stems from two complaints, from Fredericton university student Kathy Makela and Moncton resident David Attis. Attis, past national secretary of Canadian Jewish Congress and past president of the Atlantic Jewish Council, is a parent of four children in the Moncton school system.

(AJC was instrumental, along with B'nai B'rith Canada and other citizens' groups, in pushing for adoption of a Holocaust curriculum in the Moncton English school system, beginning this fall.)

Malcolm Ross, a teacher in the Moncton area, is author of several books and letters in which he alleges a worldwide Jewish conspiracy against Christianity and which questions the Holocaust.

Attis told The CJN his complaint to the Human Rights Commission questioned whether the school board's employment of Malcolm Ross infringed the province's human rights legislation which guarantees, he said, "a prejudice-free education system."

Attis claimed that the board, by its actions and inactions, was not in compliance with the human rights legislation.

Francis Young of Fredericton has been named the human rights officer who will investigate the complaints.

Reports in the Times-Transcript, a Moncton newspaper, indicate Young will require interviews with Malcolm Ross as well as with district superintendent Ross MacCallum and the members of the school board with respect to their responses to the complaints generally, anti-semitism in the district and the suitability of Ross as role model for students.

Young will also question the superintendent and trustees on the board's March 15 reprimand of Ross which threatened him with dismissal if he continued to publish allegedly anti-semitic works. The action was spurred by Ross' latest book, Spectre of Power.

When contacted by The CJN, Young refused to comment on his investigation, saying only the newspaper story was "misleading" and that he was not interviewed by the paper's reporter.

The HRC also wants to interview Ross' students, the Times-Transcript reported. However, Carl Ross told The CJN the district school board would oppose questioning students on school property or during school hours unless it first screened and approved the questions. That is standard procedure with regard to polls and surveys in schools, Ross said.

The board could not oppose interviews outside the school, he added.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the Hebrew for godfather?
2. Who holds the male child upon his knees during the circumcision ceremony?
3. Being a godfather is customarily a great honor. Who receives this honor?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWER:

1. *Sandek.*
2. The godfather.
3. When a grandfather of the child is alive, the honor of *sandek* is his.

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These questions and answers came from the book *6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People* by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont.

Bronfman meets Hungarian leader

Ties with Israel discussed

NEW YORK (JTA) — The state of Hungarian relations with Israel and world Jewry was among the subjects discussed last week at a meeting between World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman and visiting Hungarian leader Karoly Grosz.

Three hours of what was described as "intense discussion" took place over a kosher dinner at the Manhattan apartment of industrialist Bronfman, who is also chairman of the board of Seagram and Sons.

WJC Executive Director Elan Steinberg, who was present at the meeting, along with Israel Singer, the organization's secretary-general, said the two men "discussed the role that Hungarian Jewry now plays as a bridge between East and West, and Grosz agreed with that."

Steinberg described the tone of the meeting as "constructive, positive and helpful," and said it "continued the process between Hungary and world Jewry and Hungary and Israel."

Hungarian Jews have been experiencing even greater freedoms and a strong sense of identity recently, while Hungary appears to be stepping up its current low-level diplomatic ties with Israel, re-established last September, 20 years after Budapest severed relations.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres held previously unannounced talks with Grosz in Budapest on May 8 and 9, two weeks before Grosz took over Hungary's top position from veteran leader Janos Kader.

Steinberg said Bronfman and Grosz discussed the subject of full diplomatic relations between Israel and Hungary, but that the issue would be left to the two countries themselves.

Grosz, who was on a 10-day visit to the United States, held meetings with top bankers, financial and political leaders as Hungary moves toward what are described as radical economic reforms that will open the country to a greater infusion of Western capital.

CRTC grants short renewal to AM station

HULL, Que. — A Niagara Falls radio station — accused of broadcasting racially abusive comments against Native people during a talk show series — will have its administrative licence renewed to the end of 1988, the Canadian Radio-Television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has ruled. The AM station had requested a 5-year renewal.

The June 9 decision will give CJRN 710 until the end of this year to show it has taken concrete steps "to prevent offensive and abusive broadcasts, and to rectify CRTC concerns involving certain technical matters," says a B'nai B'rith Canada news release.

The CRTC decision follows an April public hearing during which BB Canada's League for Human Rights, the Niagara Regional Native Centre, and three individuals submitted briefs in opposition to an unqualified renewal.

The submissions followed complaints by members of the public that racial slurs against Natives had been made by a talk show host during a series of CJRN broadcasts in March, 1987.

During the public hearing, League representatives claimed CJRN had a history of insensitivity to concerns raised by previous complainants and called for the CRTC to take a strong position against racially abusive broadcasting in general.

"The short renewal is a clear message to the broadcasting industry that the CRTC will enforce its regulations," says Simon Adler, League Central Region chairman.

Adler, of Kitchener, Ont., said all radio stations will have to develop a "viable policy" to prevent abuses of ethnic, religious or racial minorities.

"They must be willing to take action against employees who refuse to abide by the station's directives. Otherwise, the station will lose its licence."

The League became involved in the matter as part of its mandate to expose and combat racism and bigotry.

"It doesn't matter that it was Natives who complained initially because if nothing is done at the outset of this type of problem then Jews will eventually also become victims of abusive comment in the media, Adler said.

"It was therefore natural that we assist the Native community."

He added the CRTC's ruling is "gratifying as we continue to promote our goal of making Canada a country free of all prejudice including anti-semitism."

Canadian teachers arrive in Israel

TEL AVIV — Fifteen Canadian high school teachers arrived in Israel recently after spending 10 days viewing sites of mass murder of the Jewish people in Poland and West Germany during World War II, says a B'nai B'rith Canada news release.

The tour — part of the League for Human Rights' Holocaust and Hope program — featured visits to the Auschwitz and Dachau death camps as well as a series of Holocaust seminars.

In Israel for a week, tour participants, from across Canada, were expected to visit the Yad Vashem, Givat Haviva and Lohamei Hageta'ot museums, and tour key attractions in the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem areas.

The Holocaust program — funded by a 5-year grant from the George Metcalfe Foundation — includes a series of regional seminars across Canada on teaching the Holocaust as well as the tour. The seminars and tours are held on alternate years.

This year's participants were chosen from more than 50 applicants across Canada. The teachers have all initiated Holocaust education programs in their schools.

Jews meet with nuncio

OTTAWA — Canadian Jewish leaders met recently for a second time with the papal nuncio, Angelo Palmas.

The delegation included B'nai B'rith Canada president-elect Moishe Smith; government relations director Rebecca Zuckerbrodt; and Ralph Snow, chairman of the Institute of International Affairs.

During the meeting — a follow-up to a June 27 discussion on deteriorating Vatican-Jewish relations — Jewish leaders expressed their objections to a recent meeting of Pope John Paul II, and Austrian president Kurt Waldheim.

A letter to the Pope was also presented to the papal nuncio.

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Gathered at the launching of Operation Solidarity (seated from left) Peter Golick, Marilyn Wainberg and (standing from left) Shoel Silver, Hershie Frankel, Abraham Drori and Albert Cohen. [Howard Kay photo]

Operation Independence launches campaign

Trip to Israel for $300

MONTREAL — A week-long trip to Israel, with 5-star accommodation, for just $300 is being offered to 100 Canadian Jews who promise to personally get 15 tourists for Israel.

This "VIP mission," scheduled to be in Israel from Aug. 28-Sept. 4, has been organized by Operation Solidarity, a new national campaign to promote Jewish tourism to Israel. Operation Solidarity was launched by Operation Independence Canada, in an effort to strengthen Israel's economy; its acting worldwide chairman is Charles Bronfman.

Operation Solidarity is sponsored by El Al Israel Airlines and the Government of Israel Tourism Office. It is chaired by Peter Golick, chief executive officer of Operation Independence Canada, and coordinated by B'nai B'rith Canada.

Operation Solidarity is designed to offset the decline in North American Jewish tourism Israel has experienced in recent months, said a B'nai B'rith Canada statement.

"The aims of Operation Solidarity are twofold," Glick said. "Not only will 1,500 projected tourists bolster the Israeli tourist industry, they will also demonstrate their solidarity with the people of Israel.

"We, the Jews of the Diaspora, will not be deterred in our support of Israel by those who throw stones nor by journalists' headlines. Our support of Israel is fundamental and Operation Solidarity is one tangible manifestation of our support."

The 100 individuals who will go on the Operation Solidarity mission will upon their return be expected to recruit 15 friends, colleagues, relatives or members of organizations to visit Israel within the next three to six months. To ensure that participants fulfil their commitment, they will be asked to sign a pledge to this effect.

The participants will stay in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. They will be briefed by government and Jewish Agency representatives and academics and meet with President Chaim Herzog. They will be provided with a kit to assist them in organizing their individual missions.

The campaign is directed at community leaders and rabbis who can promote Israel tourism during the High Holidays.

For further information, call the national office of B'nai B'rith Canada (416) 633-6224.

Jordan retains election law

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Bankers were represented and abolished the position of the minister of state — minister without portfolio responsible for the occupied territories.

But when reports began circulating that Jordan might even rescind the Jordanian passports of West Bankers, the PLO and Egypt intervened and appealed to Hussein not to take more drastic measures, said Susser.

"Jordan was trying to demonstrate to the West Bank and to the PLO that they needed the Jordanians, and that Jordan could take steps like rescinding citizenships and passports that could be very damaging," said Susser.

In the years that followed, Jordan gradually rebuilt its West Bank apparatus. In 1980, a cabinet minister was given the occupied territories portfolio. In 1984, the lower house of parliament was revived. And in March, 1986 parliamentary election laws were even changed to give Palestinian refugees in camps on the East Bank a chance to vote, along with their West Bank brethren.

"The Palestinian-Jordanian link was reinforced in legal terms by this new election law," said Susser.

The question is whether Jordan is going in for a "repeat performance" now that events have come full circle and Jordan has been again forced to concede the PLO virtual hegemony on the West Bank.

Shortage of funds affects refugees

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could not continue issuing visas on the usual basis, because it had run out of funds earmarked for refugee resettlement.

The subcommittee hearing, chaired by Rep. Lee Hamilton, also focused on the Middle East and the situation in the Persian gulf. Murphy criticized Iran and Iraq for violating international conventions by using chemical weapons in their 8-year old war.

Committee members criticized Qatar, a Persian Gulf nation, for recently acquiring U.S.-made Stinger missiles, in violation of U.S. law, Murphy said the United States has not determined who provided the weapons to Qatar.

Murphy criticized a recent attempt by Egyptians in the United States to smuggle high-technology U.S. materials to Egypt for missile production. The United States is seeking Egyptian permission to try the individuals in a U.S. court.

On Lebanon, where presidential elections are scheduled for September, Murphy warned that having no powerful central government there "is a threat to the northern border of Israel." He said that although Israeli troops have periodically forayed across the border, "Israel has no territorial ambitions in Lebanon."

But on Kuwait, committee members sharply differed with Murphy on the wisdom of the administration's proposed $1.9 billion arms sale. The House has until Aug. 6 to vote on a resolution to block the sale introduced by Rep. Lawrence Smith. The bill has more than 140 co-sponsors. The Senate voted July 7 to ban the sale of 300 Maverick "G" air-to-ground missiles to Kuwait, one component of the sale.

Murphy assured Rep. Stephen Solarz that Kuwait has never contributed forces to any Arab war effort against Israel.

He said Kuwait needs the planes for its own defence, and "that is the way it is looked at by Israel."

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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World-National

Fundamentalists oppose "Last Temptation of Christ"

Film protests take on anti-semitic overtones

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Protests by fundamentalist Christian groups over a controversial film biography of Jesus Christ have taken on "anti-semitic implications," according to condemnatory statements released this week by national Jewish groups and the Roman Catholic archbishop of Los Angeles.

The statements refer to protests voiced by former Moral Majority leader Rev. Jerry Falwell and other fundamentalist Christians about "The Last Temptation of Christ," a Universal Pictures film directed by Martin Scorsese and based on a novel by the late Greek writer Nikos Kazantzakis.

Falwell and others have warned that the release of the film, scheduled for September, could lead to what he called "a wave of anti-semitism in this country" because top executives of MCA, the entertainment conglomerate that owns Universal, are Jewish.

One group, the Baptist Tabernacle of Los Angeles, has staged two protests in the past week against MCA chairman Lew Wasserman, carrying signs reading "Wasserman fans Christ-killer Image" and "Wasserman Endangers Israel," and chanting "Paid for with Jewish Money."

At a demonstration outside Universal's offices, a plane overhead trailed a banner reading "Wasserman fans Jew-hatred with 'Temptation.'"

Portrayed Jesus

At a protest outside Wasserman's Beverly Hills home, one man portrayed a bloodied Jesus while another played a whip-carrying Wasserman stepping on his back.

According to a statement by the Rev. R. L. Hymers Jr., leader of the tabernacle, "The person lashing Christ is the way that extremists will see members of the Jewish community who either support or finance the film."

But Jewish groups are taking Falwell and Hymers' statements less as warnings than as threats.

"Rev. Falwell's irresponsible comments run the risk of becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy and threatening the nation's religious pluralism," according to a statement by Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Falwell's constituents "would be far better served if he warned them against anti-Jewish prejudice rather than forecasting a wave of anti-semitism," Foxman added.

Leaders of the American Jewish Congress acknowledged in their statement that the film might offend some Christian believers, but said the constitutional right both to make and to protest the film "does not create licence to engage in bigotry and use it as an opportunity for anti-semitism."

Falwell and Hymers "know very well that Universal Studios is a publicly held corporation, that its executives who happen to be Jewish are not 'Jewish leaders' but business men, that the film is based on a novel written by a Christian . . . and directed by a Christian," said AJCongress president Robert Lifton and executive director Henry Siegman.

They added that a statement by Falwell saying he personally would not blame "Jewish leaders" was unconvincing.

Conservative Christians demonstrate in front of the home of Lew Wasserman against the release of the controversial film, The Last Temptation of Christ. [RNS photo]

Savage confrontation between governing parties

Unity coalition unraveling prior to election

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The unity coalition formed four years ago by the Labor Party and Likud out of political convenience, rather than conviction, seems to be unraveling, little more than three months before election day.

Relations between the ideological and political foes reached an all-time low in the Knesset and several of its committees one day before the Israeli parliament adjourned for summer recess.

The most savage confrontation occurred in the foreign affairs and defence committee, where Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, leader of the Labor Party, and Eliahu Ben-Elissar, the ranking Likud committee member, exchanged unprintable epithets that caused some hardened journalists to blush.

The most immediate and most divisive issue, however, is a bill providing that municipal elections and Knesset elections be held on separate days.

Labor supports the bill and has found temporary allies among the smaller parties, including the religious bloc. They believe their mayoral and town council candidates would fare better at the polls if the voters did not have to select them at the same time they vote for the new Knesset.

Likud apparently thinks they have a point and fiercely opposed the measure, in order to protect its substantial grip on local offices.

When the separate elections bill passed its first reading at a stormy session of the Knesset plenum, Likud cried foul and filed a protest with the Supreme Court.

It objected to what it said was the arbitrary replacement of its man, Micha Reiser, as chair of the house committee with Laborite Rafi Edri.

Reiser had managed to keep the bill bottled up in committee. Endri sent it to the floor for action.

A justice panel of the high court, in a swiftly rendered decision, agreed with Likud that the maneuver was highly irregular. But it refrained from intervening in the activities of the legislature.

Likud's moral victory did not deter Labor from putting the final touches to the bill and pressing for its passage before adjournment.

In the Knesset law committee, a promising move toward electoral reform, supported by both Labor and Likud, came unstuck when the two parties disagreed over details.

Under the proposed measure, half of the 120-member Knesset would continue to be elected under Israel's system of proportional representation, in which the voters choose party lists, not individual candidates.

The other half would be chosen directly by geographic constituencies. The two parties have clashed over the number and size of those constituencies, and it appears now that reform is a dead issue until the next Knesset, which will be chosen on Nov. 1.

The fireworks in the foreign affairs and defence committee was touched off by recriminations over recent foreign policy developments.

Peres charged that Likud deliberately sabotaged U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's peace mission to the Middle East, thereby triggering the intifada, the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The foreign minister claimed as evidence Shamir's move to dispatch Herut minister Moshe Arens to Washington last summer to persuade Shultz not to visit the region to promote the secretary's plan with King Hussein of Jordan and other Arab leaders.

Ben-Elissar, in turn, accused Peres of lying to the foreign affairs committee about Israel's involvement in the Jonathan Pollard spy affair.

"Base calumny," shouted Peres, vowing he would never let Ben-Elissar "libel me again."

The supercharged atmosphere in the waning hours of this Knesset is not surprising. Each major party is warning the electorate that it will "never again" agree to a unity government. Each is urging the voters to give it a governing majority.

Lawyers may drop case

Who will represent Mohammad unclear

By PHIL FINE

HAMILTON, Ont.—

There's some confusion over who will represent convicted Palestinian terrorist Mahmoud Mohammad Issa Mohammad at his deportation hearing here Aug. 8.

The Globe and Mail recently reported that Mohammad's three lawyers — Marlys Edwardh, Lorne Waldman and Barbara Jackman — informed immigration adjudicator James McNamara they would no longer defend the Palestinian.

Sources say the three decided to drop the case because they have not been paid since they took on Mohammad's case last January.

But Waldman has reportedly agreed to get back on the case. He is also reported to have said that Edwardh will handle a matter related to the case before the Federal Court of Appeal.

Mohammad, 46, was convicted by a Greek court in 1970 of manslaughter, possession of weapons and unlawful interference with civil aviation for a 1969 attack on an El Al airliner at Athens in which an Israeli was killed. In 1986, he applied to come to Canada but failed to note on his application form that he had a criminal conviction. A year later, he managed to slip past authorities at Pearson International Airport even though they had been warned to watch out for him.

Immigration officials are expected to argue at the hearing that Mohammad should be deported because he lied about his criminal conviction.

They were ready to argue that Mohammad had engaged in practices detrimental to a democracy. But they reportedly decided against such action because of the readiness of Mohammad's lawyers to argue that Israel can not be considered a democracy in the same way that Canada can.

Christie may run for office

EDMONTON —

The lawyer who defended Jim Keegstra and Ernst Zundel says he hopes to run in the next federal election.

Doug Christie, a Victoria-based lawyer who founded the Western Canada Coneept party, said recently he will run in a riding in Western Canada but would not say where. Christie ran in the 1986 federal election as an independent candidate in the Northern Alberta riding of Pembina and finished 4th.

Kitty's surname

Duchin was the original surname that Kitty Dukakis's forebear changed to Dixon, after immigrating to the U.S. July 28's CJN inadvertently reported it as Denchin.

Arrest warrant issued for Nazi

PARIS (JTA) —

France has issued an international arrest warrant against Nazi war criminal Alois Brunner, now living in exile in Syria.

Paris investigating magistrate Claude Grellier issued the warrant on charges of "crimes against humanity," and asked all foreign governments to cooperate in bringing Brunner to trial.

Grellier also plans to ask Syria for Brunner's extradition.

Syria has refused West Germany's request to extradite Brunner, who has variously been reported living in Syria since 1956, 58 and 60.

Brunner is a former SS hauptsturmfuhrer who was responsible for the deportation of over 100,000 Jews from France, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Greece.

Community activist gets BB nod

TORONTO —

Toronto lawyer Shoel Silver has been appointed chairman of B'nai B'rith Canada's Israel cabinet, president Dr. Brian Feldman has announced.

Silver — a 35-year-old vice-president of the Metrontario Group — is a member of one of Canada's most prominent Zionist families, says a BB Canada news release. His parents, brother and two sisters settled in Israel in 1973 before the Yom Kippur War.

Silver has been involved in several Jewish community organizations, including BB Canada's Institute for International Affairs, the Canadian Friends of the Ezrath Nashim Mental Health Centre, and Toronto Jewish Congress's budget and finance, and Project Renewal committees.

Organizations and People

26-year-old started national task force

Energetic Alan Feld is active in Congress life

By
PHIL FINE

Alan Feld

TORONTO —

Alan Feld is an officer of both the Canadian and Toronto Jewish Congress, a member of at least 4 CJC committees and an active participant in the affairs of at least four others.

And, he's only 26.

The energetic Bank Hapoalim employee has probably dealt with more issues of concern to Jews in the two years he has been associate chairman of CJC's national executive than most Jews have in a lifetime.

The Zundel trial, kosher daycare, Christian missionaries, the Merchant of Venice controversy, Soviet Jewry, the backlash over the intifada, assimilation and intermarriage.

But despite the time taken up by such concerns, Alan says he has enjoyed his involvement with Congress. In fact, he sees his 3-year term as associate chairman as an opportunity to get Judaism's three religious streams to work more closely to battle assimilation and intermarriage.

Fighting these two evils, interestingly enough, is the business of a CJC national task force which Alan himself helped start. First suggested at the CJC's 86 plenary, the task force, co-chaired by Rabbis Gunther Plaut and Reuben Bulka, is expected to come up with ways in which communities — particularly, small centres — can reaffirm Jewish identity among young people.

That this is a task which needs doing, Alan has no doubt. In some of Canada's smaller Jewish communities, he says, the rate of intermarriage is as high as 50%. Indeed, the lack of means by which young people can develop their Jewish identity is, after anti-semitism, he says, the biggest threat facing Canadian Jewry today.

To tie Jewish youth even more closely to the Jewish community, Alan has helped set up a CJC task force to encourage young people age 20 to 30 to get involved in Congress and its activities. The task force has also been asked to recommend that Congress provide programs for youth where no such programs now exist.

But this isn't the only way in which Alan has been involved in the battle to preserve Jewish life. As an active participant in the joint community relations committee of Congress's Ontario Region, he has helped raise awareness of the missionary threat — both from Jews for Jesus and from various Christian denominations.

As well as participating in the JCRC, Alan has also been active in Congress's National Joint Community Relations Committee which has helped shape the CJC's response to the Zundel and Keegstra trials. In addition, he sits on Congress's law and social action committee which deals with issues such as refugees and day care.

Other CJC committees with which Alan has been involved include Soviet Jewry and action for Israel. In fact, Alan helped stage community meetings across Canada earlier this year to explain Israel's response to the intifada and is helping organize the 1988 Soviet Jewry rally this fall in Toronto. Alan is also an alternate on the board of directors of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Lubavitcher to give talk

TORONTO —

Sheina Konigsberg, subject of the U.S. best seller Holy Days — The World of the Hassidic Family, will be guest speaker at a Lubavitch Women's League program, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 7 p.m., at the Lubavitch Community Centre poolside.

Holy Days, written by Lis Harris, drew national attention as it climbed the New York Times best seller list. Its popularity has continued with its publication in paperback.

Originally featured as a series in The New York Times Magazine, where Harris is a staff writer, the book plunged thousands of Americans right in the middle of the chassidic world of Crown Heights in Brooklyn.

Harris achieved this by bringing the reader into the home of Sheina Konigsberg (a fictitious name used in the book and when she lectures), where Harris spent more than a year experiencing the depth of the Lubavitch life. It was predominantly from her experience in the Konigsberg home that she collected the rich wealth of information for her book.

In her talk, Konigsberg will discuss her relationship with the author, and how the book changed her own life. She will also share thoughts about herself as a wife, mother, successful graphic artist, and chassidic Jew.

"It's exciting to meet the real person from such a widely publicized book who had the courage to open her life to such public scrutiny," said Shterna Rosler, program coordinator. "Konigsberg is an interesting representative of the baal teshuva movement (return to Judaism), having traded a typical upper class suburban lifestyle for a chassidic one."

There is a $12 charge for the program, which includes a fashion show. For more information, call: Goldie Plotkin, 881-2012; or the Lubavitch Centre, 731-7000.

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Organizations and People

Plans to go out in style at Olympic Games

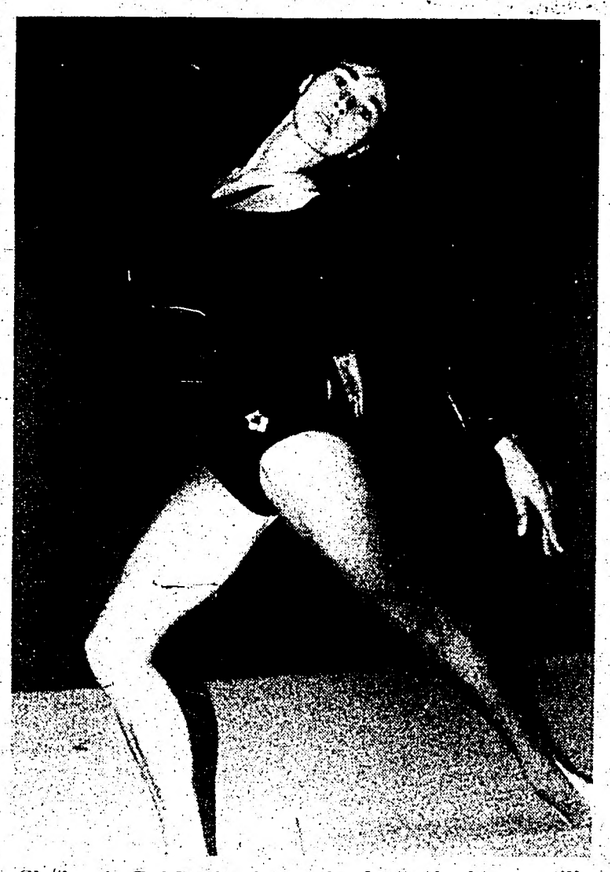
Gymnast hopes to wind up her career in Seoul

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
At age 20, Shulamit Goldstein is nearing the end of her career as a competitive rhythmic gymnast. But like other top athletes, she hopes to go out in style — for her, with a good performance at the upcoming Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea.

— Goldstein is one of only two Olympic-calibre rhythmic gymnasts produced by Israel, and the only one to participate in the recent Four Continents Rhythmic Gymnastics competition in Toronto's Varsity Arena. Her teammate, Rakefet Ramigolsky, twisted her leg before the competition and was unable to participate.

Finishing 17th overall out of 27 competitors, Goldstein expected to use the pre-Olympic meet to hone her skills and prepare for the grand finale of her career.



Shulamit Goldstein shows the form she hopes will stand her in good stead at the Seoul Olympics.

For Goldstein, rhythmic gymnastics allows her to "express who you are." Every gymnast has her own style, she said, and she was drawn to the sport at age 9 because of its attractiveness and grace.

Like other people who express themselves in dance, she uses routines with hoop, rope, ribbon and clubs to move artistically to music.

Special arrangements with the Israel Defence Force were completed to allow her time to work out. While training six times per week, 3-5 hours each day, she also has to complete her regular army duties.

Goldstein has put her intensive training to good use, having represented Israel at two world championships in Bulgaria and Spain, finishing 49th in Spain. Her overall rating on the Olympic list is 55th out of 110, with Ramigolsky rated more or less the same.

With the Olympics three months down the road, and having already gone far beyond the minimum levels the Israeli sports federations have set for her, Goldstein said she must do the best she can to prove to herself she belongs in top competition.

She's already looking to life beyond the Games, expecting to one day study at university.

Elanit Lazar, the Israeli team's coach, said rhythmic gymnastics is a "young sport" in Israel, much like in Canada.

It was Soviet emigres like herself who brought it to the Jewish state, beginning in 1973, and who represented Israel in internation competitions.

Since then, the sport has grown slowly in Israel, and now the country finds itself in the middle of the international pack, with its two sabra athletes rated 55 and 56 out of 110. While the athletes are now sabras, most of the coaches are still of Soviet origin, Lazar, a native of Murmansk, said.

In Bulgaria, the two Israelis passed the minimum standards set by the governing gymnastics federation to qualify for the Olympics, she said, and all in all, Goldstein's performances have been "b'seder gamoor (just fine)."

Considering that only about 300 girls in 10 Israeli clubs have taken up the sport, that might be considered an understatement.

While it may not command the large numbers other sports in Israel do, "I think it is the nicest sport for girls," Lazar said.

In ryhthmic gymnastics, "people talk about the beauty of it. It is graceful and has an esthetic element, where you move to the music, like in figure skating," she said.

While acknowledging the difficulty of finishing in the medals at Seoul, Lazar said her job is to try to improvethe team's calibre and remain competitive with other countries.

Even Canada's 1984 Olympic champ, Lori Fung, will find it difficult to get past the two major powers, the Bulgarians and the Soviets, into the medals, she said.

Fung, by the way, walked away with the top honors at the Toronto competition, with an overall score of 39.1 based on four events. Goldstein garnered 35.85.

Accompaning the team to Toronto was Tia Kantor, who acted as a judge at the meet. Kantor, from Kiryat Bialik, also coaches one of the ryhthmic gymnastics clubs and is a high school physical education teacher.

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TORONTO —
Mazon Canada, "a Jewish response to hunger," has distributed $16,000 to agencies in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec, according to Anne Golden, chairperson of its allocations committee. Rabbi Arthur Bielfield is chairman of the organization.

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The groups receiving Mazon grants are: Bikur Cholim in Montreal for its kosher meals on wheels; B'nai B'rith Women in Vancouver for its kosher food bank; Food Bank Waterloo Region for a van; FoodShare Metro Toronto to offset costs of its hunger referral service; Jewish Family & Child Service of Toronto for its Passover food program; Inland Refugee Society of BC for emergency food supplementation for refugees.

Also receiving grants were, Moisson Montreal for its subsidized lunch programs; N'Amerind Friendship Centre, London, Ont., for emergency food assistance to low-income Indian families; Project Genesis-Multicaf in Montreal for emergency food services; Saint Francis Table in Toronto for a freezer for its subsidized meal program; Stop 103 for its emergency food service; and Tomchei Shabbos in Toronto for its kosher food supplementation program.

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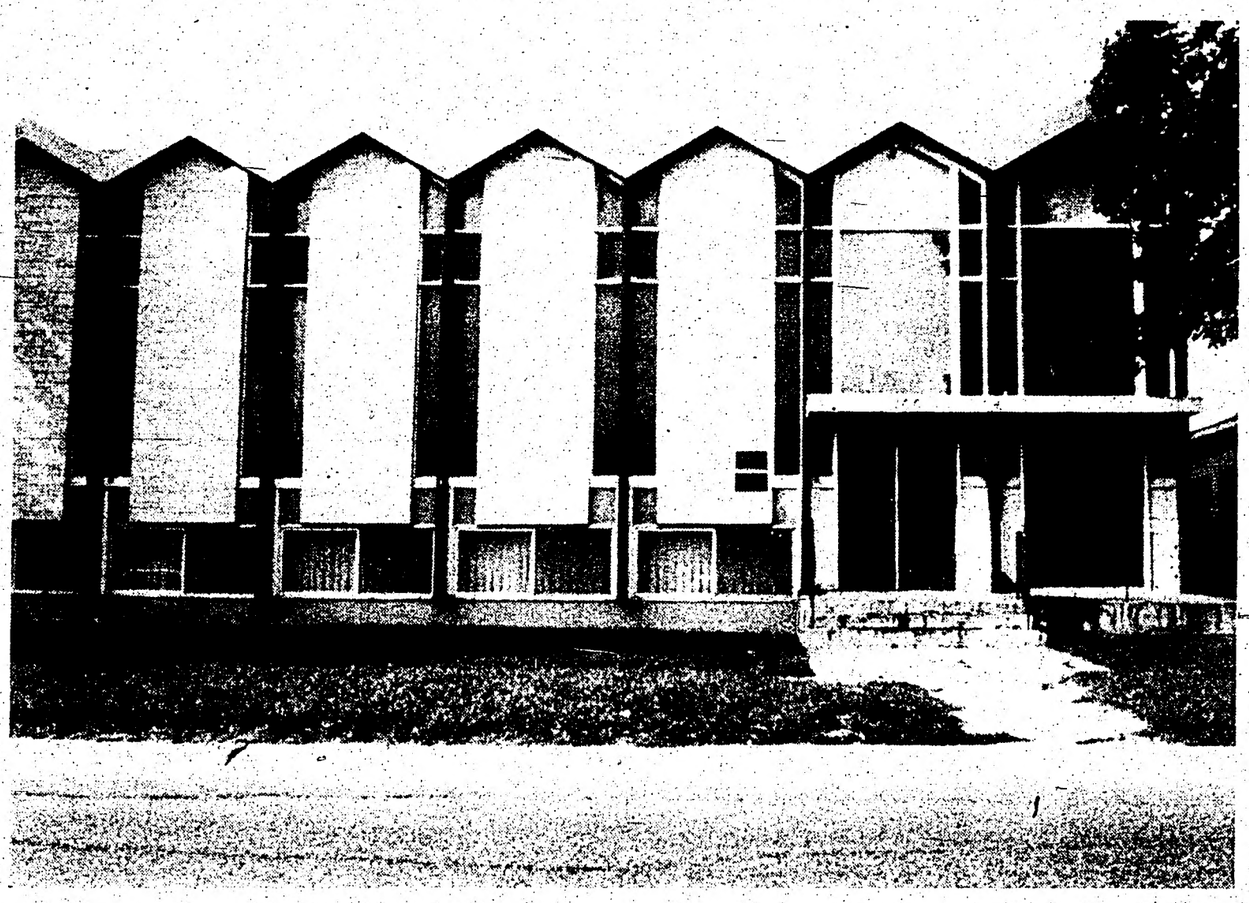

The Chevra Mishnayes building is in the Garden City section of Winnipeg.

'Peg shul marks 80th anniversary

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

"The founders of Chevra Mishnayes Congregation were people who studied mishnayes," said Bert Waldman, a self-described "macher" in the synagogue, at the shul's recent 80th aniversary celebration. "They were well educated people. It's too bad people didn't keep journals of their discussions."

Mishnayes are Oral Law compilations.

Waldman recalled the 30s and 40s as a period when "there were as many people in Winnipeg shuls on a Shabbes as there now are only for Yom Kippur. Going to shul is what people did in those days," he said. "Times were tough. Perhaps shul was an escape from the everyday world. People enjoyed the interplay at shul. They had an ability to laugh at themselves."

Waldman tells the story of the time the police came to Chevra Mishnayes, on a Shabbes, with a search warrant. They were looking for bootleg alcohol.

"Our shammes, Avrum Kozak, knew what a search warrant was," Waldman recalled. "He let the police in. They searched the shul but couldn't find anything. After services, someone asked Avrum for a l'chaim. Avrum went to the arun kodesh, moved a Torah and pulled out a crock of alcohol."

"The moment of truth" for Chevra Mishnayes came in 1965, when the building in the North End was being expropriated "in the name of urban renewal." Instead of closing, as many other small shuls in the area were doing, Chevra Mishnayes was relocated. "Fourteen members went to a bank and signed notes for $5,000 each to build a new shul," said Waldman.

"To me, the most important thing is that we still get a minyan twice a day every day," he said. "It's pretty hard to survive as a shul but I can count on the fingers of one hand the number of times we have missed having a minyan, usually due to a severe storm. It's an accomplishment having 35-40 people in shul on a shabbes or 25 on a Sunday morning.

"This has always been a haymishe shul," said Waldman. "We don't have a big membership, but our members are committed."

Group incorporated

African Jews seek funds

By
BARBARA LEVINE

OTTAWA —

The Jewish Association for Development, also known as JAD Canada, was recently incorporated and granted charitable status, said Michael Rosberg, interim president.

The association, which has been set up to encourage links between local Canadian Jewish communities and self-help groups in the Third World, is the first organization of its kind in Canada, he said, and is intended to channel both financial assistance and expertise from local Jewish groups to those in need.

The CRB (Charles R. Bronfman) Foundation and the Montreal Vaad Ha'ir have both made contributions to assist JAD in getting off the ground.

Planning is now under way for JAD's first national general meeting in Ottawa in November. At that time, board members will be selected from communities across the country.

A national training workshop is also being organized to run concurrently, at which time local community leaders "will be able to enhance their training and organizational skills, as well as their knowledge of issues and problems related to development in the poor countries of the world," said Rosberg.

In the meantime, Dr. Allan Maslove of JAD's project review committee, announced that a number of possible projects have been identified for sponsorship by local Jewish groups, such as synagogue social action committees, Hillel groups on campus, social service groups like B'nai B'rith or women's associations.

The projects are varied, and are located in numerous countries around the world — for example, a women's weaving cooperative in Guatemala, clean water projects in Africa, or income generation projects in Mexico.

"JAD is looking for individuals and groups who would be interested in developing project partnerships with Third World groups, and would be pleased to provide further information to anyone keen to become involved," said Rosberg.

One of JAD's intentions is to work in partnership with Jewish communities overseas. The Jewish Women's Union of Harare in Zimbabwe has been in touch with JAD and is looking for a women's organization in Canada with whom it could support a worthwhile project in that country.

"JAD would welcome enquiries from Jewish women eager to explore supporting a development project in Zimbabwe," he said.

Knowledge of the country is not a prerequisite; what is being looked for is interest in learning about another country and culture, and a commitment to work with the Jewish women in Harare to raise funds and provide expertise to Zimbabwean women eager to enhance the well-being of their families and communities."

JAD's address is 151 Chapel St., Ottawa K1N 7Y2.

Na'amat awarded grant

TORONTO —

Na'amat Canada, formerly Pioneer Women Na'amat, has been awarded a grant of $2,094 to hire a summer student to computerize its membership list and donor base under the Ontario government's Experience 88 program.

Gerry Phillips, minister of citizenship, announced the grant with Wilson Heights MPP Monte Kwinter, who said, "I'm excited about this grant because it will improve the efficiency of Na'amat Canada's fund raising operations."

Na'amat Canada is a non-profit organization which raises funds for the betterment of youth, children and women in Canada and Israel. It has 850,000 members world wide and 1,800 members in Ontario.

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World War II orphans hold reunion in Catskills

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO — One of approximately 130 people to attend a recent reunion of Second World War orphans at Brown's Hotel in the Catskills, Rosslyn Sole of Dundas, Ont., says the experience was "overwhelming . . . like most people there, I was very excited and thrilled to see everyone after so many years."

The 49-year-old wife, mother and administrator of a nursing home in Hamilton was the youngest of the war orphans at the reunion, just as she had been the youngest of 500 children to receive care in the orphanage in Prien, Germany, after the war. Sole was just 8 years old at Prien.

"Because I had been so young at Prien, I didn't remember anybody before the reunion — but I did remember once I got there. A few of the girls had looked after me at Prien, had taken me under their wing. At the reunion one woman asked me, 'Rosslyn, don't you remember I used to comb your hair?'

"I remembered her right away. It was a great experience, really. For more than 40 years, I hadn't remembered her at all until that moment."

Born in Warsaw in 1939 as one of twin girls, Rosslyn lost all her family except an older brother during the war. Siberia, Tashkent and Berlin are only some of the places she believes herself to have passed through during those tumultuous years. She and her brother were separated during part of the war, she says, and "he managed to find me, and I came to the place where he was staying."

They lived in the orphanage at Prien for less than a year, then came to Canada in 1948. "I was adopted into a wonderful family in Hamilton. I was very fortunate," she recalls.

It was appropriate that the renunion was held on the July 1 to July 4 long weekend, she says, "because we had the opportunity to thank both Canada and the United States for giving us the opportunity to immigrate and live in their wonderful countries in peace."

The Prien orphans don't plan to wait so long before their next reunion, which may occur in two years. "After all, we are family," says Mrs. Sole.

Besides her brother, who now lives in Philadelphia, Sole's other family consists of her husband, who is a doctor born in Canada, a 28-year-old son who is a chartered accountant, and a 24-year-old daughter who is a lawyer.

"I remember when no one wanted to talk about the Holocaust," she says. "Everybody is just now wanting to share the experience, especially with their children. The young ones are very encouraging, they want to know what happened. It's really our children who are going to carry on, and we must tell them so we don't forget. We must never allow ourselves to forget."

Hamilton area JCC campaign underway

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — The $2.5 million Hamilton-Wentworth Area JCC campaign is now in full swing and has been "very well accepted," according to JCC development committee chairman, Mel Gunn. In fact, he adds, "we're probably one-third of the way there."

There has been a lot of talk about the new JCC, says Gunn. "Most people are very enthusiastic" and even people "who've never really been that committed" are coming forward.

Most important, "we're getting a good reaction from major donors and the next few weeks," he added, "are going to tell how it will go."

The brochure which recently went out to all Jewish homes in Hamilton Dundas, Ancaster, Burlington and Brantford, shows a plan of the 38-acre site that will provide baseball diamonds, a soccer pitch, nature trails, jogging path and cross country skiing, as well as a permanent home for Camp Kadimah and a family park for the community.

But most of this is still in the future and JCC and Federation executive director Sid Brail points out that the priority for the moment is "to create sufficient space for a 'minimum JCC.'

"We will build according to what we raise," agrees Gunn, a former JCC president and prior to that, chairman of the JCC building planning committee for almost 10 years. The board, he adds, has pared plans down to "a bare bones JCC."

The immediate objective is to renovate the existing building, formerly the Hillside Racquet Club, to provide a home for Federation and Jewish social services, the sheltered workshop, the JCC nursery school and meeting rooms.

As well, it is hoped that enough funds will be raised to enable the JCC to replace the present bubble housing several tennis courts with a permanent structure for a gym and also add a pool.

The brochure lists a variety of available dedications and memorials and notes also that 2,000 bricks from the old Jacob N. Goldblatt building at 57 Delaware have been salvaged and can be purchased at $5,000 each by subscribers wishing to become "builders."

The campaign, under general chairman Marvin Goldblatt and a community campaign committee headed by Stan Paikin, Larry Szpirglas and Harvey Waxman, with former JCC executive director Sam Brownstone as campaign coordinator, is expected to be completed by Sept. 15.

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Winnipeg residents defy high drug-abuse rate

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Winnipeggers are among the lowest drug users in the country — one-sixth as likely to misuse hallucinogens and barbituates as their rural counterparts, statistically Canada's highest.

This is according to a recent report by the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, based on 1987 statistics submitted by police departments across the country.

Of every 100,000 Canadians, 13 come to police attention for drug abuse. In Winnipeg it's nine, while among rural Manitobans it's 54. The province averages 27 per 100,000.

No explanations was given for the discrepancies.

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Stephanie Bernardo Johns' *The Allergy Guide to Brand-name Foods and Food Additives* **(New American Library, $12.50) offers literally lifesaving information to allergy sufferers and their families.**

Some 4,000 brand-name packaged foods — from juices, pastries, and cake mixes, to frozen foods, liquors, and popular take-out foods — are listed, with whether they contain one or more of the seven most common allergens: wheat, corn, milk, eggs, peanuts and soy.

A proportion of the products are available only in the U.S., and in some cases Canadian formulations vary from their U.S. counterparts. However, a glossary and explanation of additives will provide label readers -- as are most people concerned about allergens — with a very good idea of what they are buying. Included is a Canadian address for inquiries.

The 250-page softcover handbook explains various food colorings, and lists and explains the arcanely coded additives on European Common Market imports. E-270, for example, is the preservative lactic acid, and E-153 is the coloring agent carbon black.

Johns, whose two young children are allergic to nuts and milk, indicates which allergens are probably contained in popular dishes, recipes, and resaturant foods. She also points out the danger of allergen foods used where they are least expected.

Some Chinese restaurants, she writes, use peanut butter to seal the ends of egg rolls. Peanut butter used as thickener in a stew, its taste and texture disguised by the spicy sauce, killed a young woman recently. Another girl died after eating two small cookies containing ground-up peanuts.

An extensive bibliography of recently published sources rounds out this valuable book.

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Shpritz, shpritz.

'Peg orphanage fondly recalled

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

In many ways, the old Jewish Orphanage was like a country club, recalled alumnus Hershey Braunstein, at the recent reunion ceremonies here.

"We had a big library and gardens, a skating rink and choir and, best of all, a huge extended family," said Braunstein, one of the 4-day event's principal organizers.

Many of the 70 alumni attending recalled:

• Learning to drive the cars belonging to members of the orphanage board while the owners were sitting through weekly Sunday morning meetings.

• Trips to Assiniboine Park for treats after the meetings at a time when most Jewish families didn't have a car and could rarely afford treats.

• Free movies.

•Going to a clothing factory every year before Pesach for a new suit of clothes.

A plaque commemorating the orphanage, its alumni, and staff was unveiled on the grounds of the Rosh Pina Synagogue, original site of the orphanage.

This reunion was the seventh, the first in 1981. Out of them have grown an alumni club, a newsletter and a Jewish Orphanage Alumni Scholarship Fund to be established at Ben-Gurion University. Donations can be made care of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba in the name of the Jewish Orphanage Alumni Scholarship Fund.

The 3½-storey Tudor-style orphanage was built in 1920 with $125,000 raised from all the Jewish communities from the Lakehead to Vancouver. The building was meant to house up to 150 children.

It was a time before the welfare state in Canada, explained Braunstein. If the crops failed on the Jewish farm colonies out West or business was bad for a rural merchant, if a parent died and the other couldn't cope, the Jewish Orphanage was there in Winnipeg to welcome their children until the parent or parents were back on their feet.

Other rural Jewish families put their children into the orphanage for a year or two to give them a Jewish education not readily avaialble in the country. The orphanage provided daily Hebrew and Yiddish instruction and religious training.

After World War II, economic conditions improved and trends in social services changed. The orphanage was closed in 1947 and the building eventually razed.

Ontario raises rates paid for foster care

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Foster care parents in Ontario have been awarded an average increase in daily rates of just over 10%, John Sweeney, minister of community and social services, recently announced.

"We simply can't attach a dollar value to the selfless and challenging work done by so many foster parents throughout the province," Sweeney said. "But, these increases do reflect a certain economic reality faced in various areas."

In Metro Toronto, the regular rates paid to those housing foster children will go up 6.8% to $23.69 a day. Other rates within the central region, but outside Metro, will rise to $18.17 a day from the present $16.89.

The largest increment will be delivered in the northern region with a 12.9% rate increase from $15.17 a day to $17.13. The rate in the southwest region will jump 12.3%. The southeast daily rate will increase to 10.6% to $17.09 from its present $15.45.

"Fostering is an integral and vital part of our community system," the minister said. "It is a traditional way we have of keeping so many young kids in a protective and caring family environment."

The government increase falls short of a rate hike recommended in a study by the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies last January (CJN Feb. 18).

The report outlined $40 million worth of changes in the foster care system, including more than doubling the daily rate paid to foster parents and looking into such ideas as insurance, pensions and vacations.

As well as calling for increased government funding to foster parents to reflect actual costs, the report says funding should be adjusted annually and applied equally to all children regardless of age.

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE CHANGES

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Friday, Aug. 5

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The CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the Blind) Children's Group invites you to play beeping baseball under blindfold.

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Sunday, Aug. 7

HUGE GARAGE SALE

Sunday, Aug. 7, is the date of the huge garage sale being held at Magen David Synagogue, 10 McAllister Rd. (south of Sheppard at Bathurst). The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 8

YIDDISH SHOW BIZ MEMORIES

Yiddish Show Biz Memories with **Eva Fishman** and **Maurice Turk** with his orchestra, will be featured at the newly constructed Skylight Amphitheatre in Earl Bales Park on Monday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m.

Produced by **David Newman** and directed by **Nathan Garnick**, the concert will include Yiddish, Hebrew, Russian and English songs. It is sponsored by The Hebrew Club for the Blind. Free tickets will be available at the box office at 6 p.m.

By the way, there is no provision for rain. The sun will shine for Eva.

BETH SHOLOM SISTERHOOD

Beth Sholom Sisterhood's meeting on Monday, Aug. 8, will feature **Pamela Feldman-Cukier** from Let's Face It Cosmetics, who will give a makeup demonstration.

The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W.

NEW NA'AMAT CHAPTER

Toronto Na'amat vice-president Emily Brown presents club charter to Tzafon Chapter, Richmond Hill. Accepting are club president Marsha Winkler (left) and incoming president Sarah Hindel. [Graphic Artists photo]

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DAZZLING EVENING PLANNED

Committee members of Israel Cancer Research Fund's Dazzling Evening at the Spectrum that will take place Thursday, Aug. 18, are (left to right) Sherry Kaufman, Sally Gallinger, Esterita Rajsky and Bertha Savlov.

SINGLES CONGREGATIONS NETWORK

Singles Congregations Network is going to the Blue Jays baseball game on Monday, Aug. 8.

For information, call **Avrom** at 633-5888.

Tuesday, Aug. 9

ISRAELI SONG FESTIVAL

The Skylight Theatre, Earl Bales Park, is presenting an Israeli Song Festival featuring **Jennie Eisenstein** and **Yossi** and his music with **Nathan Garnick** and the Heritage Players of the Wagman Centre accompanied by pianist **Nathan Rosen** on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Amphitheatre.

Free tickets will be available at the box office at 6 p.m.

In case of rain, the concert will be held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

POOLSIDE FASHION SHOW

Lubavitch Women's League and JEWEL (Jewish Educated Women Electing Life) Ladies Club of Markham are presenting a poolside fashion show on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. at 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill.

The guest speaker will be **Sheina Konigsberg**, heroine of the New York Times best seller, Holy Days.

For information, call 731-7000.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

PAPAL POLITICS & THE JEWS

Papal Politics and the Jews is the topic of a public forum being held Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 8 p.m., at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

Prof. Arnold Ages of Waterloo University will deal with the history of the Vatican's relationship with the Jewish community and the Vatican's refusal to officially recognize the State of Israel. He will also reflect upon the Pope's recent meeting with **Kurt Waldheim**.

This event is co-sponsored by the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai B'rith Canada and the Adult Education Committee of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. It is open to the public and admission is free.

For information, contact the institute at 633-6224.

And What Else Is New...

NIGHT OF THE MURDERED POETS

The 36th commemoration of the execution of Soviet Jewish writers and artists will take place Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St.

The guest speaker will be **Judge Philip Givens**, well known community leader, recently returned from a visit to the Soviet Union where he met with Jewish Refuseniks. **Ethel Kovenska**, star of the Habima Theatre in Israel, will recite from works of Soviet Jewish writers and there will be a musical program featuring singer **Jennie Eisenstein** accompanied by **Fagel Gartner**.

This event is sponsored by Committee for Yiddish, Toronto Jewish Congress, and Committee for Soviet Jewry, Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region.

NCSY NATIONAL CONVENTION

The national convention is the highlight of all NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) activities throughout the year. It is an exciting social and educational experience featuring Torah study sessions, sports activities, national elections and an annual awards banquet.

Close to 400 participants from across Canada and the U.S. attended this year's convention held at the La Vista Country Hotel in South Fallsburg, NY., in the heart of the Catskill Mountains. A special 15-member delegation represented Toronto NCSY.

The Canadian Region, Ohr Ha'tzafon, received an award for "most improved region." Outstanding individual Toronto members **Jonathan Jacob, Aryeh Krasman** and **Penny Geist** also received awards.

HAMILTON HADASSAH-WIZO

Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO's recent year-end closing, celebrating Israel's 40th birthday, honored multi-generations of families who are Hadassah-WIZO members.

Among the eight 3-generation families and the many 2-generation families present was that of **Sylvia Klein**. The fact that Mrs. Klein has 10 grandsons and no grand-daughters (yet) did not deter her from participating. Her daughter **Dr. Cheryl Greenbaum** forged a 3-generation chain by making her two eldest sons, **Eli and Dov Greenbaum**, Hadassah-WIZO Life Associates.

Special tribute was paid to the honorees by speaker **Gloria Silverman**, rebbitzin and Hebrew school principal. Numerous awards were presented to executive members, convenors and committee members. **Elizabeth Tick** was honored with the Award of Merit by Hamilton Council president **Ilona Feldman**. The program also included a musical tribute by Hatikvah Chapter.

CREATIVE MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

The Creative Musical Variety Show, that popular group of senior entertainers from the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living under the direction of **Elaine Duff** assisted by **Anne Sussman**, will be performing at the following places during the month of August — Wednesday, Aug. 17, at the Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., at 1 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 22, at the Harold and Grace Baker Centre, 1 Northwestern Ave., at 2 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 23, at the Betel Centre open house at 1 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 25, at Greenview Lodge, 880 Lawrence Ave. E., at 2 p.m.

For further information about this group, call 222-0655 or 222-7422.

ATIDEYNU LODGE BB

B'nai B'rith Atideynu Lodge is planning a Race Track Night on Saturday, Aug. 13, at Greenwood Race Track. Meet at the front gate at 7 p.m. The group will meet later for a walk and coffee in the Beaches in front of Licks after the races.

COLOR SLIDE CONTEST

This year the Toronto Camera Club is celebrating its 100th year of operation since its founding on March 17, 1888, by a group of influential citizens which included the mayor of Toronto of that time.

Several events have been planned. One of these is the Centennial Color Slide Contest, open to all color slide photographers both locally and around the world. There are many valuable prizes to be won by color slide makers who may submit up to four slides. The contest closing date is Sept. 30, 1988.

Entries must be sent to Frank W. Norman, 18 Lorraine Gardens, Islington, Ont., M9B 4Z4.

For entry form information and contest details, call the Toronto Camera Club at 483-0281.

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Organizations and People

What's New

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GERM-FREE PLAY GROUP PLANNED

Children who are high risk to infection may soon have a recreation play program in a germ-free environment due to the efforts of a group of volunteers and the North York parks and recreation department.

The program, scheduled to start this October in the Sheppard-Bathurst area, will offer a parent-and-tot play group with arts, crafts and music. For parents there will be time to interact, socialize, encourage each other and exchange ideas.

Volunteers are needed to help organize and maintain the program. Anyone interested in volunteering or participating may call **Barb McKendry** at North York parks and recreation at 224-6277.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

The Speakers' Bureau is a free community service of the North York Board of Education. Senior administrators of the board are available and prepared to speak to groups, clubs and organizations that are looking for qualified guest speakers for their programs. Subject matter can cover a wide range of topics such as teachers, textbooks, transportation, school dropouts, special needs programs, adults in the school system, school safety, curriculum.

Call 225-4661, ext. 429 for more information.

SURVIVAL OF THE SPIRIT

Survival of the Spirit: Jewish Lives in the Soviet Union, a 35-photograph exhibit recently on view at Ottawa's Jewish Community Centre, realistically depicted the grim life of Refuseniks in the Soviet Union.

The photographs and text are by Houston-based photojournalist **Janice Rubin** and Canadian writer **Nomi Morris**, who posing as tourists, visited the Soviet Union in the fall of 1987.

The exhibition, organized by the Houston Action for Soviet Jewry, was brought to Ottawa by the Ottawa Soviet Jewry Committee, the National Council of Jewish Women, and the Parliamentary Spouses Association, with funds received from the Jonah Matthew Bonn Endowment Fund.

HAMILTON'S SHALOM VILLAGE

Here's a list of special August events taking place at Shalom Village Retirement Home, 70 Macklin St. N., Hamilton —

Thursday, Aug. 4 — Shalom will be hosting its annual auxiliary tea at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 9 — A free performance at the Royal Connaught Hotel put on by a Hamilton student theatre group at 1.30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 15 — The families of residents are invited to attend a family barbecue at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 21 — Simcha Sunday celebrating the birthdays of **Bennie Blumenfeld, Rose Rosen, Jack Shapiro, Lillian Tauber** and **Lillian Tisnower**. Guest performers will be the Roth Family Players. The time is 7.30 p.m.

A STUDY ON ELDERLY CARE

The department of psychiatry at Sunnybrook Medical Centre is currently conducting a study to discover how to make care for the elderly more successful. The department is actively seeking volunteers and in particular is looking for individuals caring for elderly persons with dementia (memory loss, disorientation) who are still living at home.

The study is comprised of a brief psychiatric assessment of the care-receiver and discussions with the caregiver regarding positive and negative experiences encountered while caring for their loved one. All assessments and discussions will be conducted at locations convenient for the participants. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

This information will be used to find ways of maintaining the elderly in their homes as long as possible, and to determine how best to allocate limited resources to help in difficult situations.

If you are interested or if you know of someone who may be, contact **Jassy Tracey** at 480-4094, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LONDON'S TEMPLE ISRAEL

The children of Temple Israel Religious School of London, Ont., contributed $88 to tzedakah during this past year. The agencies and institutions chosen to receive the money are Committee for Soviet Jewry, American Association for Ethiopian Jews, Mazon Canada (food distribution) and the Temple Israel Building Fund.

CAR WASH TO AID MEETING PLACE

The St. Christopher House Meeting Place is offering a weekly car wash to be held every Monday in the parking lot of the Toronto Dominion Bank on the corner of Queen St. W. and Euclid Ave. The cost is $2 per car exterior and all proceeds go to the Meeting Place (a drop-in for socially isolated adults).

For more information, call 366-3571.

TEL-AIDE JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Tel-Aide, the Jewish distress line, volunteers are available to listen at 636-9610. All Tel-Aide volunteer listeners have taken an extensive training course, and are well qualified to listen. Volunteers would be happy to spend time with you on the phone.

Listeners are available Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, beginning at 1 p.m.

Tel-Aide is a call-in service only, and is sponsored by the Toronto Jewish Congress.

BAYCREST TERRACE SYNAGOGUE

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., announces that minyan services are held weekdays at 8.30 a.m. and mincha and maariv at 7 p.m.

All people who are not affiliated with a synagogue are welcome. For information, call 636-4400.

CONGREGATIONAL RECEPTION

A congregational reception is being held Wednesday, Aug. 17, in connection with the **Joseph Kerzner** tribute dinner to take place Sept. 8, under the co-sponsorship of Beth Tzedec Congregation and State of Israel Bonds.

The reception, also jointly sponsored by Beth Tzedec and Israel Bonds, is set for 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. The guest speaker will be **Rabbi Benjamin Freiberg**, who will have just returned from Israel.

For information, call the synagogue office at 781-3511.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Community Occupational Therapists urgently needs volunteers for clerical work, typing and filing medical information a few days a week. Office experience is needed.

Designing Aids for Disabled Adults needs volunteers who are familiar with microcomputer to teach three young disabled persons at home. Can you help during the day once a week for a couple of hours?

Volunteers interested in learning telemarketing skills can become involved with a project at the Arthritis Society. The volunteers will be trained. Good telephone manner and communication skills are needed.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, call the North York Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

WINDSOR NEGEV DINNER

Gerald Freed (second from right) was honored at the recent Windsor Negev dinner, chaired by Alan Orman (right), president of Windsor Jewish Community Council. Presenting the award are Windsor JNF president Jack Stein (far left) and JNF's ambassador Jacob Barmore, guest speaker.

for seniors

The search is on for the oldest Torontonian to marshal the parade of the century on Thursday, Sept. 1, at 7.30 p.m. marking the Harbourfront Antique Market's move to its new premises at 390 Queens Quay W. If you want to be part of the parade (there are prizes for the most original nostalgic outfit) or if you know someone who qualifies as Toronto's oldest citizen, call **Shelly** at Harbourfront Antique Market, Tuesday to Friday, at 367-2922.

LZA Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of cards, chess and discussion...Shuffleboard teams meet on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. with refreshments served...The Cultural Circle meets on Tuesday mornings at 10. On Aug. 9, **Meyer Mandel** will speak on current events...About upcoming trips -- Along with 5-week, 7-week and 9-week trips to Miami, a 12-week trip will also be included. Registration for these trips will commence at the regular monthly lunch meeting in August. The trip to Las Vegas will leave on Oct. 9 for four nights and five days at the Riviera Hotel. The trip is almost full, but a few more seats are available. For registration and information, call the LZA Seniors office at 630-9444.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 11.30 a.m. at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. There will be lunch and entertainment by concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns**. If you want more information about the Miami trip, get in touch with **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

Club Chaverim of the JCC North-East Valley welcomes new members. The club meets on Mondays from 1-3 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. For information, call **Sally Kerbel** at the Valley at 889-0813.

The Diamond Jubilee Club, which meets at 968 Eglinton Ave. W., upstairs, is open for your entertainment such as dancing and dancersize with **Ada Goldblatt**, crafts, cards, movies, travel and refreshments. Come out and enjoy on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. For information, call 782-5024...The club has appointed artist **Tutzi Seguin** to teach arts and crafts in her studio. There is no fee for seniors, just a charge for materials. For information, call her at 783-0781.

Activities for seniors at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) — On Thursday, Aug. 4, at 2 p.m., there will be a preview of the documentary, Close Harmony, the 1982 Academy Award-winner, followed by refreshments. For information, contact **Beverly Brock** at the Bloor Y at 924-6211...On Thursday, Aug. 11, the seniors will be going on a day trip to Elmira in a chartered air-conditioned bus. Departure time is 9 a.m. from the Bloor Y, returning at 4.30 p.m. The cost is $6. Space is limited, so call Beverly Brock at above number as soon as possible.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is holding a dance with a live band on Sunday, Aug. 7, from 8-11 p.m. at the Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). The charge is $3 members, $4 non-members. Refreshments will be available...The barbecue slated for Aug. 7 has been postponed to Aug. 14. This is for members only and the charge is $3.50 per person. There will be kosher hot dogs and hamburgers, entertainment, door prizes and lots more...A bus/boat cruise to Caledonia is arranged for Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 9 a.m. for members only. The cost is $16...A concert and variety show will be held at the Community Centre on Thursday, Aug. 25, from 7-9 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The charge is $1 members, $1.50 non-members...Membership includes Tai Chi, shuffleboard, ballroom dance class, dancersize, woodwork, fitness, art class and weekly Saturday night dances...For information about all club events, call 636-7856.

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MEDALLION CERTIFICATE

William (Bill) Winston (left), a lifetime executive member of The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, presents a Medallion Certificate to "founder) Harry Henig. A longtime supporter of Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Henig recently donated the first printing of his latest novel, Storms of Fate, as a fund raiser for the hospital's new department of nutrition, which was established by Winston and his wife Rhea. There are still some books available. For information, call 781-3584. [Graphic Artists photo]

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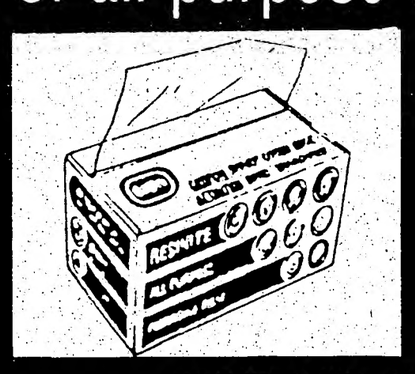

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SAJAC Seniors (South African Jewish Association in Canada) of the JCC North-East Valley is planning a boat trip around Harbourfront with a picnic on Centre Island for Sunday, Aug. 7, at 9 a.m. The cost is $9 members, $9.50 guests. Reservations must be made in advance. For information and reservations, call **Gerald Berly** at 449-6065.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., has three new programs planned for the fall season — Mental and Physical Stimulation, Tai Chi, and Human Sexuality. Also, there is the possibility of folk dancing...The opening of the fall season is scheduled for Aug. 29 with an exciting new musical treat...The fall and winter bulletin is in the planning stage. members will be informed when it is completed...Closing registration date for the Hawaiian-Las Vegas trip is Aug. 18. A few spaces are still available...For information about all club activities and trips, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

Everyone is welcome to join the **Young at Heart Seniors** at Brown's kosher hotel in the Catskills for eight days Aug. 21-28 with three kosher meals daily, special diets if asked for, dancing, swimming, special trips, surprises. There are a few seats left. For information, call 635-6343 evenings or 8-9 a.m. or 462-0258 days.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Lifelong Learning Institute is presenting Computers for Seniors, a hands-on experience on Commodore 64s. The 8-session series will run on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. beginning Sept. 7. Pre-registration is required.

All You Ever Wanted to Know, and More, About Self Help Groups, a panel presentation in which **Avril Lewis**, project manager, Self Help Clearing House of Metropolitan Toronto, and two seniors involved in working with self help groups, will discuss the purpose and value of self help groups, will be held Thursday, Aug. 11, at 1:30 p.m. This program is sponsored by La'Briyut Wellness Centre.

At the Couples Club meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 8 p.m. guest speaker **Edith Rothschild** will discuss Holistic Health and Remedies, and Vegetarianism and the Older Adult.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and living on their own will meet Thursday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m. in the music room. Guest performer will be story-teller **Andrea Steiner**. This is for Friendship Circle members only and the charge is $1.

An Israeli dance workshop with **Motti Alfassi** is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 8 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre's Studio Theatre at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. The cost is $5. For further information, contact the dance office at 636-1880.

Dance under the stars and enjoy the all-you-can-eat barbecue at the rooftop dance at the Bloor Y, 740 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) on Thursday, Aug. 4, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is $10 at the door or get your tickets early at any of the JCC branches.

On Sunday, Aug. 7, the JCC North-East Valley Singles Network's 49 Plus? Group is holding a Nostalgia Night. Enjoy an evening of fun and recollections with **Sammy Luftspring**, who will speak on his boxing career and the College and Spadina days. Light refreshments will be available. The time is 8 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The charge is $3 members, $5 guests.

The Singles Network's Travel to a Galaxy Dance is set for Sunday, Aug. 14, when deejay **Clarence** will launch you on a trip to outer space. Snacks will be served. It all begins at 8:30 p.m. at the Valley. Admission is $5 members with cards, $7 guests. Please remember that smoking is allowed only on the outside patio.

Dial the Singles Social Hotline at 889-5101 for updates and possible changes in programs.

The first branch came to Nova Scotia at the turn of the century and a later branch arrived as late as 1939. This later group was allowed entry to Canada only because they came as farmers on one of the last boats to arrive before war broke out in 1939. The remaining members of the family in Lechewich were all lost during the Holocaust.

A CORRECTION

A recent item regarding **Jeffrey Price's** appointment at Jewish Vocational Service was incorrect. It should be noted that he was appointed director of the JVS Career Counselling Centre.

EDUCATORS APPOINTMENTS

At the recent annual meeting of the Jewish Educators Assembly, Ontario Region, **Esther Gold**, United Synagogue Day School Hebrew studies principal, was appointed chairman and **Pnina Spetgang**, Beth Tikvah Congregational School principal, was appointed secretary.

Jewish Educators Assembly serves Conservative principals in day and afternoon schools throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Pnina Spetgang

Esther Gold

FACKENHEIM SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation/Jewish Students' Union at the University of Toronto has announced the winner of this year's Emil Fackenheim Scholarship. The scholarship, established to honor one of the great Jewish thinkers of our time, assists qualifying students enrolling in 1-year academic programs at universities in Israel.

Yonina Razin

Yonina Razin, now a 2nd year student from the U of T, will spend a year at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She is planning to major in Judaic studies during her stay and upon her return to U of T.

Yonina has been an active member of Beth Tkvah Synagogue working as a leader and advisor to the synagogue's youth. She was also the chairman of the Opressed Jewry Committee during her senior year at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, and is currently a member of the Canadian Jewish Congress Soviet Jewry Committee's subcommittee on schools and youth.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

Singles Rendez-vous (25-45) — Sunday afternoon, August 7 — Harbourfront — Boat Cruise, picnic, 622-5201.

August 12 — Camping weekend, 638-6005.

Sunday, August 14 — Beach outing, 631-9389.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents a Mid-Summer's Night Party in **Berlin,** a nightclub, Wednesday, August 10th, 8 p.m., 2335 Yonge Street (North of Eglinton). Live entertainment. $7.00. 222-7111.

Progressive Dinner and Cocktail Party, Thursday, August 18th, **Bayview Country Club** with pianist, 4 course dinner. Booking deadline, August 12th. 222-7111.

Intercity **Las Vegas** Singles Weekend October 13th - 16th. August 15th booking deadline. 222-7111.

JCC Valley Singles Network — 49 Plus? Group — Nostalgia Night, Sunday, August 7th, 8:00 p.m., 7015 Leslie St. Stroll down memory lane with Sammy Luftspring. Refreshments. $3.00 members, $5.00 guests. 889-0813.

BAYCREST GRADUATION

Baycrest Centre's Jewish Home for the Aged (JHA) recently held its first-ever graduation for students of the home's continuing education program. Ten JHA residents spent the winter "going to school." The end result of their studies with Yorkdale Secondary School teacher Sophie Cowley and JHA program worker Arlene Saunders was two volumes of Residents' Writings, a compilation of their reminiscences, experiences and learning. Receiving her diploma from Cowley (centre) is Ann Finkle (left) while fellow graduate Rose Wohlgelernter looks on. Other residents who received diplomas were Anne Feldman, Fae Gardner, Bessie Greene, Ruvin Madesker, Ruth Rose, Oscar Smilovitz and Henry Spegel. Classes will resume this fall.

MULTICULTURAL GARDEN PARTY

At a recent multicultural garden party at Baycrest Centre, Robert Wong (right), Ontario's minister of energy, chats with Baycrest Terrace resident Millie Everett and Jack Gilbert, whose family sponsored the event in honor of his brother, the late Lou Gilbert. Wong met seniors from the Greek, Italian, Dutch, Japanese, Chinese and Jewish communities, who enjoyed entertainment and refreshments at the annual party at the Wagman Centre.

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NATHANSON FAMILY REUNION

Four generations of one of the Maritime's oldest families held a first reunion in Toronto recently.

Fifty-three people from the Maritimes and the U.S. gathered in Toronto with families from Ontario that they met for the first time.

The Nathanson family is made up of two families, Palevsky and Malowitzky, with roots in Lechewich in Russia.

Between social gatherings, they tried to piece together a little of their common background and how both familes, as close relatives, took the name Nathanson.

Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University were saddened to learn of the passing of

LOUISE COHEN ז"ל

of Moncton, New Brunswick.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Reuben, the children Debra and Natalie, their spouses Peter and Michael and grandchildren.

Gershon Stern, President, Can. Friends of Yeshiva Univ.
Rabbi Jerry Lipsitz, National Director.

Organizations and People

Zaionz says time to act is NOW

CJC calls for public funding of Jewish schools

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, has called on the Ontario government to establish a definite timetable to implement public funding for independent schools for the 1989-90 school year.

Appearing before the Select Committee on Education, the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education, a committee of CJC, said the Jewish community has waited patiently for three years since Dr. Bernard Shapiro — now deputy minister of education — recommended full funding of independent schools in Ontario.

"If indeed all three political parties have a vision of Ontario as a true multicultural and pluralistic province, then let them show the necessary moral leadership and act NOW," Charles Zaionz, an executive member of OJAEE and chairman of CJC, Ontario Region, said.

To develop a funding formula which would ensure proper accountability, Congress also recommended that the government establish an independent task force made up partially of members from independent school associations.

Looking at the provincial government's decision to extend funding to the Catholic separate school system beyond grade 10, Zaionz said Congress believes that "it is morally offensive not to fund other legitimate religious groups with viable school systems in Ontario.

He said the experience of five other provinces that provide funding of independent schools has shown no erosion of the pubic system. Citing an executive director with Saskatchewan's department of education, Zaionz said that province's funding of independent schools has been successful since 1968 and has not eroded the public school system in any way.

"Surely if other provinces in some form or another can fund their independent schools without endangering their public system, Ontario can do likewise," he said. "Ontario, which in many ways is in the forefront of promoting a pluralistic and multicultural Canada, is the only province offering no assistance whatsoever to its independent schools."

Zaionz told committee members that the Jewish day school system is, in some respects, like the public school system as it brings together youngsters from a variety of national and cultural backgrounds, economic stratas and family settings.

However, he added, this microcosm is in danger of being upset by the financial burden parents must bear as the cost of educating two children of an average income Jewish family is between $8,000-$10,000 a year. And while the Jewish community has traditionally subsidized Jewish education, it too is becoming limited, he said.

"As the cost of providing additional social service costs mounts, Jewish community funding is being increasingly tapped. Much funding is now being channeled to our senior citizens in order to ensure that their remaining years are lived in comfort and security."

While Zaionz agreed that parents have a choice of whether to send their children to Jewish day schools, he said they should not have to face economic and social penalties to do so.

He pointed out under the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, "Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that should be given to their child."

"Congress believes that to grant parents the right of selecting the type of their children's education without providing the financial wherewithal in effect amounts to giving them no meaningful choice at all," he said.

He said parents often choose to send their offspring to a Jewish school as "public education has at times been flawed by an insensitivity to the concerns of minority communities.

"Some Ontario public high schools insist on teaching works with problematic racial stereotypes to children as young as 13 years of age, with teachers who have had no race-relations training," Zaionz said. "The result is that children of minority communities have been negatively affected and these literary classics, unintentionally have at times promoted prejudice rather than served as vehicles for understanding."

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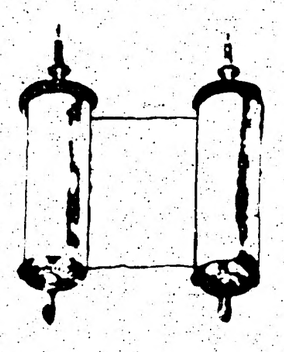
The Select Committee on Education of the Ontario Legislature should be given a special 1-year assignment as a Select Committee on Alternative Education. This is the view of the Ontario Association of Alternative and Independent Schools presented recently to the Select Committee.

The goal of this new committee should be to devise a funding model for independent schools that meets a satisfactory instruction standard set by the minister of education.

The OAAIS says it represents 95 schools and 11,000 students.

Its brief calls for the legal recognition and public funding of all schools which meet acceptable social and educational standards.

OAAIS asserts that despite a $10 billion dollar annual expenditure on education, the provincial government has no philosophy of education, no overall education policy or a defined minimum satisfactory instruction requirement for schools.



sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Eikev/Pirkei Avot

Why are we here? What is our purpose in life?

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Nothing counts before the Almighty except our simple faith.

When the incredibly brilliant Rogochover Illui was 17 years old, he took a trip through Poland to see if there was anyone else who "knew how to learn." He tested all the scholars in Warsaw and found only one young man he considered a "talmud chacham."

Rabbi Gottesman

Then he went to Lublin, and introduced himself to the brilliant "Torat Hessed." The Torat Hessed said: "Shev b'nee! sit down, my son!" The Rogochover refused to sit until he had reckoned by heart every place in the Talmud that "Sit my son," is mentioned, and then gave a lengthy "pilpul" for a few hours.

Then he went to the saintly Reb Tzadok Hakohen, introduced himself and again began exhibiting his great genius. Reb Tzadok interrupted him: "My boy, believe me that I also was once young and made a fool of myself. But our rabbis teach that Yirat Hashem . . . The fear of the Lord in His treasure . . . And the only thing the Holy one does not have in His store house is the treasure of Fear of Heaven."

The Rogochover left Reb Tzadok deeply moved and shaken.

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Life is so swift, year races by year, what will we have from all our rushing around to acquire more, to build ourselves in, to beat out our competition? We keep nothing.

All we have is our good deeds and our Torah, and our kindness and our good name and the people we have helped and the love we have shared.

Everything we do must be a mitzvah.

Cried the saintly Reb Meir Premishlaner: "Ribonoshel Olam! If you would squeeze out the prayers of your children, you would discover they are all about money.

"But if you would squeeze out that money, you would see that it is all mitzvahs — money to support a family, to send children to cheder, to buy tallith and tephillen, to help the poor. . . ."

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It is easy to talk pious. When a Jew lives by his principles, sacrifices, and shines with good deeds, that is truly inspiring.

There is a lovely family — whose name I will not mention because I know they do not glory — who have lived such a life of 'l'shaym shomayim,' sacrificed and struggled to live a through and through Jewish life. They recently did an incredible act of kindness, which again must be kept quiet, that exemplifies the highest ideals of Torah.

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To give a sermon is easy; to write a column about Yiddishkeit is simple. To live as a true, spiritual Jew, by principle, by honesty — that is remarkable!

May we all be healthy and blessed. Shabbat Shalom.

Israeli marathon date announced

TORONTO —

The "lowest marathon in the world," 200 metres below sea level, takes place this year on Nov. 30. The 12th International Marathon begins in the old Roman city of Tiberias, follows the Lake Kinneret shoreline and crosses the Jordan River. At Kibbutz Ein-Gev there is a turnaround for the return leg back to Tiberias.

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The men's winner will receive $4,000, with prizes of $2,000 and $1,000 to the runners up. In the women's section prizes are $3,000, $1,500 and $750.

It is open to everyone over the age of 16. The entry fee is $15 U.S. before Oct. 31 and $20 for late entries.

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Organizations and People

Developer to finance Doctors Hospital addition

New medical facility won't cost public a penny

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A $20 million addition to the Doctors Hospital will not cost the taxpayer a cent.

Work is already under way for the clinical and community services wing, fronting on College St., coinciding with the hospital's centennial.

The addition is being financed by Huang and Danczkay, the developer, who will rent out retail space and doctors' offices. The hospital, which owns the land, will receive a share of the commercial revenue and in 60 years the building's ownership will revert to the hospital.

"We think we are the first in Ontario to finance an expansion this way and there are a lot of other hospitals showing an interest in the idea," said R. J. Brian McFarlane, president and CEO of Doctors Hospital.

Devika Tiwari is seen with her identical twin girls, one of two sets born at Doctors Hospital March 9.

This is phase 1 of a $100 million redevelopment of the hospital which the four Raxlen brothers bought in 1953 from the Sisters of St. John the Divine. Phase 1 should be finished in 16 months.

Phase 2 is a 280-bed wing costing $60 million which will nearly double the hospital's present 290 beds.

Phase 3 is a chronic care facility to cost $20 million.

The hospital is obliged to raise $10 million on its own hook and it is well on the way with $4 million already pledged.

Among the large donations is one for $250,000 by Olympia and York's Reichmann brothers, and one for $200,000 by Esso. Philip Reichmann has joined the board of governors.

Under the leadership of Dr. Norman Green, chief of staff, the hospital's medical staff has donated $1.4 million to the building fund, working out to an average of $15,000 from each specialist. According to the hospital's campaign office, the average individual medical staff donation for similar campaigns elsewhere is $5,000.

"Some people look down their noses at Doctors Hospital, but there is no need to, for we practice good medicine . . . but we can't compete in terms of looks," said Dr. Green. "When we get our snappy new acute wing we'll have no trouble raising money."

Green recalled that when Sam, Ben, Alex and Saul Raxlen bought the hospital it was almost impossible for Jewish doctors in Toronto to gain admitting privileges for their patients.

Prior to this, the Raxlens had their own clinic on Parliament St. They asked Dr. Green, Dr. Bernard Barris, Dr. Henry Goldenberg and Dr. Irving Rother to head the medical staff. Later, Green became chief of medicine under a reorganization.

However modern and large the Doctors Hospital becomes many CJN readers who grew up in what was a predominantly Jewish area will remember that the YMHA and Brunswick Ave. Talmud Torah were on that site.

The district has changed so radically that most patients are now Portuguese, Chinese, Italian, Hispanic and Vietnamese — in that order. If required, the hospital has on call people who can speak 55 languages. There are interpreters on staff for the main language groups.

The Doctors Hospital treated immigrants in its early years and it still does today, but the cost has changed. In 1920, the cost of a ward bed was $10.50 for a week.

"We knew that Jewish people want good health care and if they move to Timbuktu they'll start a good hospital there," said Stan Melasky, director of development. "But the Jewish people moved out of this area before we could approach them for funds. We hope that some will remember their own immigrant days and support the hospital's drive."

The hospital is twinned with the Bethune International Peace Hospital in China and it was during the negotiations leading up to this twinning that hospital officials learned that in 1888 one of the owners of the St. John the Divine hospital was Robert H. Bethune, a great uncle of Dr. Norman Bethune.

Among those on the 23-member medical advisory committee are Dr. Green, Dr. Abraham Saltzman, Dr. Bernard Balshin, Dr. Leo Chaikof, Dr. David Etlin, Dr. Herbert Basian, Dr. Harry J. Kleiman, Dr. Samuel Librach, Dr. Martin Lindson, Dr. Louis Myers, Dr. Judith Ann Shindman, Dr. Michael Soboloff, Dr. Percy Urback, Dr. Martin Rauchwerger and Dr. Simon Weinberg.

Betel's Wellness Centre officially open

TORONTO —

If you land in the spinach salad you're a big winner at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living where seniors play the Spinach Game, a health version of Trivial Pursuits.

Question: What causes skin blotches? **Answer:** Some of the cells of the skin that produce pigment enlarge with age.

Every other Wednesday morning a group plays the Spinach Game while on alternate Wednesdays another group engages in Reminiscences, sharing memories and photographs with one another.

These are only two of the programs of La'Briyut Wellness Centre at Bernard Betel which had its official opening recently. Attending the ceremony was Joe Ragusa, special assistant to Elinor Caplan, Ontario minister of health.

The Wellness Centre has been operating unofficially for 18 months and a wide range of health services is offered free to those 55 and older, members and non-members alike. The Bernard Betel Centre is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. near Bathurst St.

The chiropody clinic, staffed from neighboring Branson Hospital, is so popular that return appointments are now booked as far ahead as November.

The Wellness Centre books appointments just as a hospital clinic does.

"Our goal is the physical and emotional wellbeing of seniors," said Margaret Sparling, the coordinator. Her assistant is Maria Mercone.

Also taking part in the official opening was Malka Rosenberg, assistant to Monte Kwinter, Ontario minister of industry, trade and technology. She also read a letter of congratulations from Premier David Peterson.

The Betel Centre's annual health fair this year coincided with the opening of the La'Biryut (Here's good health to you) Wellness Centre.

The ongoing clinics include: hearing (Dr. Brian Hands); blood pressure (nurses from ComCare); chiropractor (Bryan Sher); dental (Dr. Mel Brown); dentures (Frank Bellotti); public health nurse, North York (Judy Johnston); eye care (Dr. Kirsten Muth), chiropody; (Leah Papernick, supervisor); nutrition (Paula Ruch).

Guide lists services for disabled in Ont.

TORONTO —

To help more disabled people participate fully in the life of their communities, the Ontario government has released an updated Guide for Disabled Persons to Ontario Government Programs and Services.

"We have made a commitment to work towards independence for and integration of disabled persons," says Remo Mancini, minister responsible for disabled persons. "This guide is a practical component in our drive to bring this goal closer to reality."

This 70-page booklet contains a number of government services and programs in different ministries. These programs fall into such areas as health care, employment, education, income maintenance, recreation and travel, service for children, transportation, awards and accommodation and support services.

In the latter, the guide discusses geared-to-income housing, the non-profit housing and convert to rent programs. Looking at the number of support services available, the booklet lists such programs as the disabled and seniors in the community program, attendant care program and homes for special care.

This is funded by the ministry of health to provide nursing care and/or supervised accommodation in the community for discharged patients from provincial psychiatric hospitals.

In the section on recreation and travel, the guide states that the ministry of tourism and recreation offers a variety of programs and services that aid in developing increased involvement in sports, fitness and other recreational activities for all people.

To allow the disabled to fully enjoy Ontario's recreational facilities the ministry of natural resources publishes a guide which lists facilities and provincial parks accessible to the physically disabled. In Toronto, the summer attraction Ontario Place is highly accessible to those using wheelchairs.

In the area of transportation, the guide says that municipalities have the authority to implement and enforce on-street and off-street parking for disabled persons.

For copies of the guide, which is also available on audio cassette, contact, Office for Disabled Persons, 3rd Floor, 700 Bay St. Toronto M5G 1Z6 or call (416) 965-3165 (Voice/TDD) or 1-800-387-4456 (Voice/TDD).

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Organizations and People

Havurah to study Jewish text, topics

PRINCETON, NJ —

More than 300 Jews of all religious backgrounds are expected at Princeton University here, Aug. 15-21, for the 10th annual Havurah Summer Institute.

Sponsored by the National Havurah Committee, the institute is a week of study of Jewish text and topics, a week-long experience in total Jewish living for Jews of every background and affiliation, young and old, family and singles, according to the organizers.

The program includes classes on Talmud and contemporary Jewish issues, ritual and Jewish literature, Jewish mysticism and Jewish science fiction.

"The Havurah movement — the word means fellowship in Hebrew — has been making a quiet revolution in American Jewish life for almost two decades," said a spokesman. "There are hundreds of small havurot around the country, most without benefit of a rabbi. Their members believe they can become personally involved in Jewish tradition rather than rely on clerical leadership."

Havurah members comprise a cross-section of Jewish life in North America. Numbered in their midst are men and women of all ages, Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative and Orthodox Jews who are teachers, business owners, executives, professionals and students.

Courses at the institute include sessions on Jewish parenting, the Talmud, Jewish folk tales and mysticism, Jewish attitudes towards medical ethics and Middle East crisis.

"We meet as equals in all the classes and previous knowledge is not required," said Susie Marcus, a graduate student in statistics at the University of Pennsylvania. "The teacher of one institute course is a student in the next."

A supplementary recreational program includes swimming, talent shows, family activities and special programs for children, teens and singles.

Cost of the institute is $395, double occupancy, including room, board and classes. Cost for commuters, who do not stay at Princeton, is $315, including meals. Membership in the National Havurah Committee, is $25. Discounts are available for teenagers and children and some scholarship assistance is available.

For information and registration material, contact the National Havurah Summer Institute, 441 W. Carpenter Lane, Philadelphia, Pa. 19119; telephone (215) 438-6108.

Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel (Jewish National Fund) world chairman Moshe Rivlin and Canadian JNF president Neri Bloomfield survey the devastation caused by arsonists.

JNF of Canada

Tree campaign launched

MONTREAL —

Jewish National Fund of Canada has launched a national effort to replace the thousands of trees in Israel destroyed this summer by arsonists.

The campaign, called Operation Re-tree-val, calls for the replacement of 250,000 trees.

The initiative also hopes to finance the purchase of urgently-needed fire-fighting equipment over the next year.

Canadian JNF president Neri Bloomfield, who announced the project, said while visiting devastated sites in Israel that the images were "heartbreaking."

"Why destroy trees? Israel's enemies realize what they mean not only in practical terms but (also) spiritually and emotionally. They wish to strike at the spiritual heart of all of us. . . ."

She said Canadian Jews will not be intimidated by "terrorism."

JNF national director Michael Goldstein stressed the special campaign is separate from JNF's normal operations, such as its telethons and Tu B'Shevat campaign.

Goldstein said plans call for 100,000 trees each in Montreal and Toronto to be purchased, and 50,000 in the rest of Canada.

JNF said the special campaign would also extend to youth clubs, sisterhoods, brotherhoods, schools, Jewish organizations, and synagogues, whose spiritual leaders are being urged to inform congregants about the campaign during the upcoming High Holy Day season.

The campaign is in line with Israeli president Chaim Herzog's call for world Jewry to plant 10 trees for every one burned.

"No one knows when and where this devastation will end," Goldstein said. "What we do know is that it takes 10 years for a tree to mature and that there is a great deal of work to be done to restore Israel's forests to the condition of which all of us were so proud before this 'tree terrorism' began."

Canadian MDA seeking support

MONTREAL —

Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel has bolstered efforts to recruit support in Canada in light of heightened tensions in Israel, which is putting unprecedented demands on Israel's national ambulance and blood service.

"We are all aware that Israel's health services including Magen David Adom are experiencing severe stress and this condition is not expected to ease significantly in the foreseeable future," said Alfred Segall, Canadian MDA's national president.

Among the activities have been, locally, a benefit performance of the Sholem Aleichem play, The Lottery; the 3rd annual fund raising golf tournament at Pinegrove Golf and Country Club; and a scheduled run by the Y running group, the Wolf Pack, to purchase an MDA ambulance.

Nationally, MDA has been promoting the sale of gift certificates and encouraging the purchase of special mobile intensive care units, regular ambulances, and bloodmobiles, which range from about $34,000 - $60,000 (U.S.) in price.

Canadian MDA is also bolstering its efforts through religious institutions like synagogues, Segall said, to underscore MDA's commitment to the fundamental Judaic principle of saving life (pikuach nefesh) and "all Jews bound to one another" (kol Yisroel arevim zeh la zeh).

Black Ribbon protest

TORONTO —

The Black Ribbon demonstration, marking opposition to international Communism, will be held Aug. 23 beginning with a speech by Otto Jelinek, minister of supply and services, at Queen's Park, at 7 p.m.

The demonstrators will then parade east along College St. and down Yonge St. to Queen St. and east to Nathan Phillips Square.

This is the third successive year for the Black Ribbon demonstration. The number of cities and demonstrations has grown to 38 including those behind the iron curtain in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

The Aug. 23 date marks the signing of the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact and the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia.

School updates system

TORONTO —

Three professors of education from York University helped Associated Hebrew Schools to develop and update the curriculum, provided professional in-service development for teaching staff and made regular visits to the school.

This was the result of a contract for $100,000 of services between the university and the AHS, which terminated at the end of the 88 school year.

The contract grew out of a study that several members of the faculty of education did three years ago.

"They asked us for advice on how to improve their system," said Dean Andrew Effrat.

The three professors who worked under the contract were Olive Fullerton, Elizabeth Thomas and Gabrielle O'Reilly.

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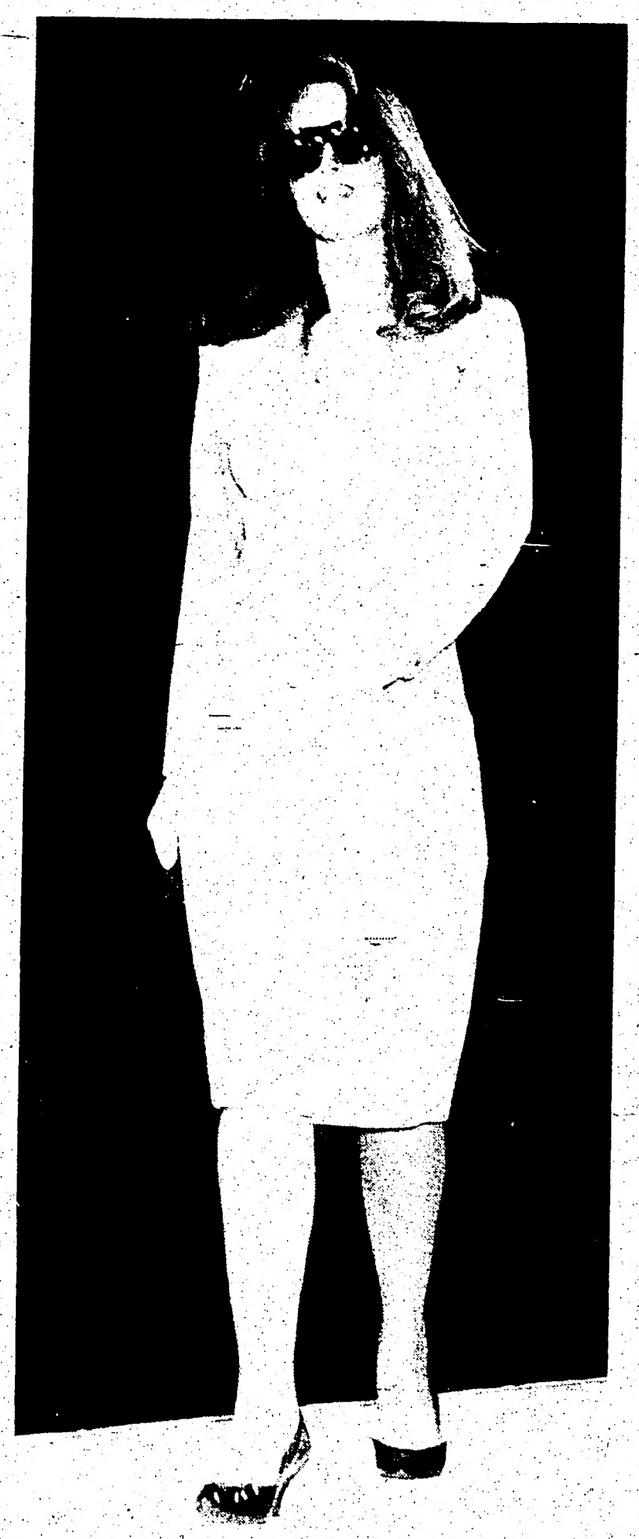
Braemar unveils new program

Wardrobe planning makes most out of investment



Model wears a taupe suede coatdress.

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

Multiplicity — the quality of having multiple purpose — is the theme of this fall's collection from Braemar.

The 300-plus garment selection was premiered at a recent show for staff and press held at the Toronto Hilton ballroom.

Braemar ventured further into the area of free wardrobe planning by unveiling its "2 + 2 + 5 = 30+ program.

At each of Braemar's 37 stores across Canada, trained wardrobe consultants will help business women between the ages of 25-45 choose a coordinated wardrobe.

The concept is that by purchasing two suits, two bottoms and five tops, more than 30 different outfits can be created at a manageable price.

There are three different areas chosen for women's divergent tastes and need: classic, easy-care and fashion-forward. Elements from one can be mixed with those of another.

Braemar fashion events coordinator Sandra Ayre was host of the show, and she called the wardrobe planning service a "versatile and exciting plan allowing women to look well coordinated for a reasonable investment."

All the models presenting the outfits at the show were Braemar staff, ranging from store managers to salespeople, and despite losing the odd shoe, they did an admirable job.

Some of the highlights and trends observed included:

Coats:

This year's selection of coats fit close to the body — and range in length from three-quarter to full. The big coat story is trim, Ayre said.

Whether it be real fur, fake fur, suede and leather accents, belts or epaulettes, details and trim were the story for coats, shown mostly in solid colors — cream, black, red and royal.

Leather:

A major trend almost everywhere, leather is an important part of Braemar's fall showings

The colors — mocha, navy, taupe, and spruce green — play off this season's sportswear brights.

A wide range of texture and styles were presented, with designs by Hilary Radley and General Outerwear among the standouts.

Knits:

The ever-increasing popularity of knitwear is for good reason — it's easy to care for and great to travel in as it resists wrinkling.

Braemar showed lots of it. Again, the garments fitted close to the body, and there was lots of variety, including plaids and tartans, sequin and bead embellishments. Colors ranged from the basics of neutral, black and cream to red, purple, royal and spruce.

Plaids and tartans:

Another major theme for this fall, the old standbys have returned strongly in knitwear, daywear, pants teamed with solid blazers and English country-style looks.

Pants:

Gaining strength this year, partly due to the confusion about skirt length, pants are everywhere, in business and casual wear.

Waist tabs, pleats and cuffs increase interest.

Jeremy Scott's black suede-look bark cloth pant looked sumptuous.

Black velvet is a popular for evening wear. Dress on left features cap sleeves while the other one has organza on the shoulder. (Rough Layout photos)

Dresses:

Ayre said dresses followed a trend towards femininity, with simple, uncluttered lines and lots of detailing — soutache, topstitching, embroidery and waist emphasis.

There's lots of option in length from above the knee to mid-calf. Leather trim was a common accent.

Wedding wear:

Ayre said traditional weddings are returning to prominence and this was reflected in the show. Soft fabrics, drop waists, lots of embroidery and embellishments, and "the Dynasty look" — wide shoulders and detachable trains were common elements.

A dress by Fabulous Formals, featuring satin teamed with guipure lace and a cutout back decorated with strings of pearls, looked sophisticated and elegant for the unsophisticated price of $500.

Evening wear:

"The little black dress has never looked better," Ayre said. And it comes in all shapes and sizes, in velvet, in lurex, on or off-the-shoulders, with raised dots or crinkle textures, you name it.

Other evening wear is feminine, sophisticated and sexy, Ayre said. Jewel tones were common, but the formal look of black and white also remained strong.

Accessories:

Ayre said accessories for the fall and winter seasons should be clean, classic and uncomplicated, playing on textures and patterns.

Scarves and shawls were presented extensively at the show, often in plaid or paisley, setting off solid-colored outfits.

The wide variety of styles shown at Braemar's fall and winter preview offered something for almost any career woman. To the very fashion-conscious many of the designs may have seemed too conservative, but the prices remain within the realm of reasonability, and the wardrobe planning program just makes good sense.

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British shop catalyst for 3-week event

Young designers hand-picked for Canadian invasion

By
JUNE WERKER

Liberty of London is making big news in the Canadian fashion industry by promoting Canadian designers this fall.

Called Canada Nouveau, this will be the first Canadian fashion promotion of such magnitude to be staged in Britain or, for that matter, in Europe. It's too early to estimate what impact Canada Nouveau is actually going to have on the British or European consumer; however, it has already created quite a palaver in the fashion industry here.

The designers selected by Liberty are Alfred Sung, Anne Seally, Babel, Bent Boys, Comrags, Denomme Vincent, Laura Kapp, Michael Tong, Price Roman, Thalie, Tu Ly and Zapata. The emphasis will be on fashion, but Canada Nouveau will be a 3-week, multi-faceted event, featuring Canadian furniture, jewelry, ceramics, glassware, folk art, fine art, food and books.

The Canadian High Commission in London will host an opening gala reception and fashion show at Liberty on Sept. 27. There are rumors that royalty might attend, but this has yet to be confirmed. The next evening, the Ontario government will host another gala reception and fashion show, which will be attended by: Lily Oddie Munro, minister of culture and communications; Agent General Thomas L. Wells; British and Canadian celebrities, as well as top British and European buyers.

Liberty has hired Adjectives, reputed to be one of Europe's foremost fashion show producers, to organize the shows. The Canadian High Commission is also planning a Festival of Canadian Arts and Culture to coincide with the Liberty promotion.

Canada Nouveau is a happy "it's-hot-only-what-you-know, but-who-you-know" story. The whole thing began because Michael Reagan, who is currently visual arts officer at Canada House in London, is a good friend of Paul Muller, Liberty's director of visual merchandising promotions. They discussed their idea of a Canadian arts promotion with the Canadian High Commission and Liberty management in London. Then Liberty's management director, Rosalind Christie, and women's wear buyer Angela Quaintrelle researched material provided for them by the Canadian High Commission and Ontario House. They made an exploratory visit to Montreal and Ontario in the fall of 1987 and returned to attend the Festival of Canadian Fashion this past spring, when they made their final selections and placed their orders.

Alfred Sung teams a taupe-and-blue wool jacket with cream blouse and taupe wool crepe skirt. Below, Tu Ly combines pinstriped slacks that feature wide legs and a high waist with a coordinating jacket.

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Determined not to follow current fashions but to start new ones, the founder established his own fabric printing workshops, producing exclusively designed prints on silk, wool and fine cotton lawn.

The Liberty tradition lives on. Visitors to London who only have time to shop in one store could hardly find a better place to browse and spend their money. Solid oak staircases lead to oak-panelled rooms lined with displays of the finest quality fabrics, fashions, accessories, and housewares, carefully selected from all over the world. Located on one of the busiest sections of Regent St., just south of Oxford Circus, its ambience and unique character shield shoppers from the maddening crowd.

Interestingly enough, with the exception of Toronto's Alfred Sung and Montreal's Antoine Nasri, all the fashion designers selected by Liberty are young and new to the industry. Some of the participating designers had never heard of Liberty until the buyers arrived on their door steps!

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Brought immigrants' life into focus

Professor looks back on old Yiddish Montreal

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

Yiddish Montreal in the early 1900s was, in essence, a transplanted European shtetl centred in the "warren of little streets" surrounding Dufferin Square just west of Dorchester Blvd. and St. Urbain St., Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg observed when he spoke recently at the Koffler Gallery in conjunction with an exhibition by Montreal Jewish painters.

Polish-born Fuerstenberg did not come to Montreal until 1951, but he grew up there and attended Sir George Williams University. He now teaches English at Ryerson, in Toronto. A Yiddish scholar as well, he brings the immigrants' life clearly into focus.

He described the major avenues with their wholesale and retail establishments, restaurants, groceries, kosher butchers and bakers, and the residential streets where proprietors of little shops which preceded today's convenience stores maintained "a precarious existence in front of the double parlors."

Although Jews first settled in Montreal after the British defeated the French, Yiddish was heard only post-1860, when a few hundred Eastern European Jews joined the Sephardic, English and German Jews who had arrived earlier. In the 1880s their numbers increased rapidly with the influx fleeing czarist pogroms. In 1850 there were only 450 Jews in all the colonies which later became Canada. By 1911, there were almost 76,000, with about 29,000 in Montreal.

"Suddenly there was a population accustomed to Yiddish writers, theatre and newspapers," Fuerstenberg noted.

The first Yiddish newspaper had been circulated in 1887 by Alexander Harkavy. In 1907, Der Keneder Adler, a Yiddish daily, began publication and it became a power in the community. Of importance too, were the Jewish schools, the trade unions, the Jewish Public Library established in 1914 after several abortive attempts, the Canadian Zionist Federation and Canadian Jewish Congress, both founded in 1919, and the Labor Zionist Organization, 1923.

Yiddish was in full flower when 95.4% of Canada's 160,000 Jews listed it as their mother tongue in the 1931 census. Yiddish writers like J. I. Segal and Melech Ravitch had emerged and Yiddish theatre, while not so successful as in New York, attracted audiences.

But, said Fuerstenberg, Yiddish Montreal was religiously and politically divided. On one side the secularists, generally Marxist, flaunted their freedom from the traditional faith; on the other, the observant attempted to preserve religious identity in the face of rapid acculturation.

There was also a schism between the established "uptown" Jews and the radicalized immigrants. Yiddish rhetoric, spoken and written, had roused the masses and during a first critical strike, Moishe Leib Halpern's stirring poem, Zum Strike, reputedly brought 3,000 workers into the streets.

When Congress was founded, the division was "papered over," says Fuerstenberg. However, the community was torn apart as agitation for a separate Jewish school system in the 1920s pitted the "establishment" who were opposed to the idea, against the immigrant organizations which demanded but did not get, a separate tax-supported Jewish board in the denominational Quebec system.

It was a time of economic hardship for the newcomers when just surviving was the priority. Nevertheless, affirms Fuerstenberg, some of the most important social and cultural institutions were formed.

First were the night schools, offering English lessons to the immigrants plus cultural and social activities in Yiddish. After-hours day schools for the children followed and these were the forerunners of a full-time network now for some 12,000 students across Canada.

The Orthodox had their shtiblech which often developed into full-fledged congregations when landsmen from certain European towns, or followers of some charismatic rabbi, banded together.

Differences between the establishment and the newcomers — symbolized by the use of English among the former and Yiddish by the latter — explain the ineffectuality of Congress during most of the 1920s and 30s, states Fuerstenberg. When the newcomers assumed control of the organization, the establishment "largely washed its hands" of Congress, leaving it virtually without funds. Only as a response to the looming Nazi threat in Europe, was Samuel Bronfman, with support from poet A. M. Klein and others, able to bring the two groups together to make Congress a true representative for Canada's Jews.

However, Fuerstenberg declares, "As Canadian Jews became increasingly comfortable in a country whose multicultural character did not threaten them, they turned away from Yiddish and in the process began to abandon the religious faith and culture which that language expressed."

The arrival of Holocaust survivors had a greater impact on the Jewish community in Canada than in the U.S. because these remnants formed a larger proportion of the Jewish population here after World War II. There was a brief resurgence of Yiddish, but this was only a "generational phenomenon," as the children of the survivors soon joined the current of assimilation.

Although it is happening a generation later than in the U.S., the major institutions of Yiddish culture are disappearing, says Fuerstenberg. "Ironically their success as vehicles for immigrant acculturation have paved the way for a community which now expresses its vigor in English." Klein, who was born to Yiddish, but wrote principally in English, saw himself as the bridge.

Foundation to assist Budapest synagogue

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TORONTO —

"Close Harmony," a program which unites seniors and children into one choir, may be introduced to as many as 30 schools in Metro Toronto this Fall, according to Helen Marr, vice-president for Canada of the International Council of Jewish Women.

It has already been introduced to Bayerest public school in North York and the Wagman Centre of the Baycrest Center for Geriatric Care.

The program was featured in a 1982 Oscar winning film.

Arlene Symons, originator of the program in Brooklyn, recently led a workshop in Toronto in which she explained how she developed the two groups of school children and senior citizens into one chorus.

Rabbi Yossi Gansburg, educational director for Chabad Lubavitch Southern Region, draws a name in the cheder draw assisted by Avi Balilti of Thornhill.

Lubavitch hold cheder draw

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

If Israel Zlotnick of North York seems richer these days, it's because he is.

Zlotnik, co-owner of TNT Appliances of Toronto, won a 1-carat diamond in a recent draw held to raise money for Chabad Lubavitch's Shmuel Zahavy cheder at Chabad Gate in Thornhill.

The diamond was 1st prize in the draw which saw Daniel Laboratories of North York win two round-trip tickets to Israel (2nd prize) and Sendor Kagan of Montreal win a cellular telephone (3rd prize).

Approximately 200 people turned out for the draw which featured singing in Yiddish, Hebrew and English by the cheder children. Dr. Leo Steiner, a Toronto psychologist, was guest speaker and Rabbi Yossi Gansburg, educational director for Chabad, was master of ceremonies.

Toronto businessman Yehezkel Zahavi, after whose son the cheder is named, also spoke at the affair.

Zahavi's son was killed in a car accident last year.

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Scene-stealer Barbara Hamilton (left) co-stars with Gabrielle Rose and Larry Linville in Move Over, Mrs. Markham at Stage West.

But grande dame saves show

British bedroom farce bores

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Thank heavens for Barbara Hamilton.

To be sure, the Canadian comedienne arrived belatedly in the middle of the second act. Yet she came in the nick of time to prevent me from walking out of *Move Over, Mrs. Markham* (running until Sept. 4 at the Stage West Dinner Theatre, 5400 Dixie Rd. in Mississauga, 238-0042).

This is yet another British sex farce by Ray Cooney. He seems to breed them like an incubator or a hare in perpetual heat.

They come complete with standard Cooney fixtures, including single entendres, blue jokes about mincing gays and flushing loos, peeping through keyholes, the slamming of bedroom doors, unwed couples caught with their pants down, and skimpily clad women popping out of boudoirs like cuckoo clocks.

Bored out of my skull by his repetitive lowjinks, I beat a hasty retreat from Cooney's *Run For Your Wife!* almost two years ago, when it opened at the Bayview Playhouse. I panned it in a review, but lambasting Cooney is an exercise as futile as flogging a sponge. The man is critic-proof, and his libidinous jape continues to draw crowds.

I swore off Cooney sex compotes. But I succumbed to curiosity when noting that he had confected *Move Over, Mrs. Markham* with an accomplice, a writer listed as John Chapman. I further noted that it had enjoyed a healthy run at England's Richmond Theatre in 1969 and successfully played at the O'Keefe Centre in 1973.

Was it possible, I wondered, that Chapman had elevated Cooney's below-the-navel gags and perhaps contributed a dollop or two of bonafide wit?

Well, not really. It's the Cooney mixture as before. The only new ingredients added are wisecracks about the art of goosing people and flushing a lavatory to the sound of musical chimes.

The wisp of a plot concerns three other couples bent on borrowing the Markhams' London flat for the night to enjoy what one of them calls "a little slap and tickle." The plot twist set up is that the Markhams are a straight-arrow couple who have been faithful to each other for 15 years.

Philip Markham is the publisher of children's books (Larry Linville, the irascible Major Frank Burns of the *Mash* TV sitcom series) and illicit sex liaisons are equally alien to his dowdy, loyal wife Jojo (British Columbia-born actress Gabrielle Rose, better known for her serious roles in Athol Fugard dramas).

By the 2nd act, I'd lost count of the number of times the six doors in Terry Gunvordahl's posh set had been slammed, and the traffic bedlam in the Markhams' busy bedroom had begun to pall. But then Barbara Hamilton makes her entrance, like a majestic galleon in full sail, and takes triumphant command of the draggy proceedings.

She portrays the puritanical author of the series of *Doggy Woggy* books, which are said to be "as hot as Mickey Mouse" on the kiddies' best seller list. She is prepared to sign a lucrative contract with the Markham publishing firm, but only on condition that its morality is as pure as Lassie's.

It's always a pleasure to see the Junoesque Lady Hamilton in action. Here she steals the show with her outrageous mugging, her double and triple takes, her slow burns, and her justly suspicious sniffs at all the hankypanky going on around her.

If you're a Cooney fan, you'll love the show, no matter how puerile its shenanigans. If you're a Hamilton fan as I am, you'll half-love the show — whenever the grande dame of Canadian comedy is onstage.

Survivor hopes songs awaken love for Zion

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO —

Jenny Eisenstein is devoting her life to bringing her audiences closer to their roots through her music.

A singer of Hebrew and Yiddish folk songs, she believes that "each time I perform for people, I know that I awaken a love for Zion because of my own deep attachment, which comes through my music."

Her most recent triumph took place at the World Gathering of the Zaglembie World Organization in Israel, during which she was a featured singer at the closing concert held in the amphitheatre of the Massuah Centre for Holocaust Education on Kibbutz Tel-Yitzhak. Her accompanist was a violinist with the Jerusalem Symphony and they performed several times during the event, between speeches and presentations by dignitaries.

Jenny Eisenstein

A Holocaust survivor, Mrs. Eisenstein felt it most fitting that the concert was held at Massuah and that, among the 2,500 people in the audience, many were "second generation" children of survivors. Most are Israeli residents.

"Many of them are already middle aged," she recalled, "and are ripe enough to engage in something soulful. They hold meetings and gatherings at Massuah, and from what they observe there, they learn that Israel didn't just happen. A great price has been paid by millions of people."

Massuah was founded largely due to the efforts of Torontonian Alex Grossman and is supported to a great extent by Canadians. A year round school, it runs seminars and 3-day sessions for Israeli and foreign high school and university students in a number of different languages.

Zaglembie is a province in the south of Poland, near the German border. Historically, its Jewish community was highly zionistic and many of the survivors emigrated to Israel immediately after the war. Each year, the North American members of the society who winter in Florida hold a ball and donate the proceeds to Israeli causes. Eisenstein, who has lived in Toronto since 1950, is among them.

The international organization recently established a memorial site, Yad-Hazikaron, to honor the memory of the Zaglembiers who perished in the Holocaust. Located on the Jerusalem Road, near the Maccabean Tombs, the 10-acre wooded site is uplifting rather than sad, according to Eisenstein. The basic structure is up; all that's needed now are additional trees and shrubbery for beautification.

Within the memorial, the names of the 100,000 Zaglembiers who perished are engraved in alphabetical order on black marble walls. A grouping of large boulders represent the defunct communities within the Zaglembie region.

At the top of the site, the Hebrew letters for zahor, remember, stand like copper guardians.

Prior to her performance at Massuah, Eisenstein and other members of her group, toured the institute and were moved by both the museum and the concept of the school. Some time ago, for PBS in Florida, she made a half-hour video on the significance of music in helping people survive and in building resistance to the Holocaust. She is offering a copy of the video to Massuah as an aid to its program.

Winnipeggers get grants

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Esther Warkov and Carol Matas are two of the main recipients of Manitoba Arts Council grants announced recently.

Matas, Warkov, two other artists, a sculptor and a composer each received $25,000 to assist them in their work in general or on specific projects over the next 12 months.

Matas, an author of children's novels, last fall published *Lisa*, a story about a Jewish girl growing up in Denmark during the Nazi occupation. She is currently in Denmark researching material for a sequel.

Warkov is a nationally known artist. Most recently, the Winnipeg Art Gallery staged an exhibition of 30 of her works. Her grant will go toward funding her overall work rather than to any specific project.

Other members of the Jewish community to benefit from the council are Abe Arnold, Bess Kaplan and Shawn Kettner.

Kettner is a puppeteer who makes puppets for hospitals throughout North America. She and storyteller Jamie Oliviero received $5,000 to develop a schools program combining their talents in teaching students to make puppets and create stories around them with the ultimate aim of sharing the stories with schoolchildren in Africa.

Author Bess Kaplan received a $6,000 grant to develop a script for a film based on her novel *Malke, Malke*.

Abe Arnold, writer and columnist, received $7,000 toward a book on Canadian Jewish history to the end of the 19th century. He expects to have the manuscript completed in about a year's time.

The Arts Council also gave a grant of $8,000 to the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre Inc., an English-language Jewish theatre company which was formed early this year.

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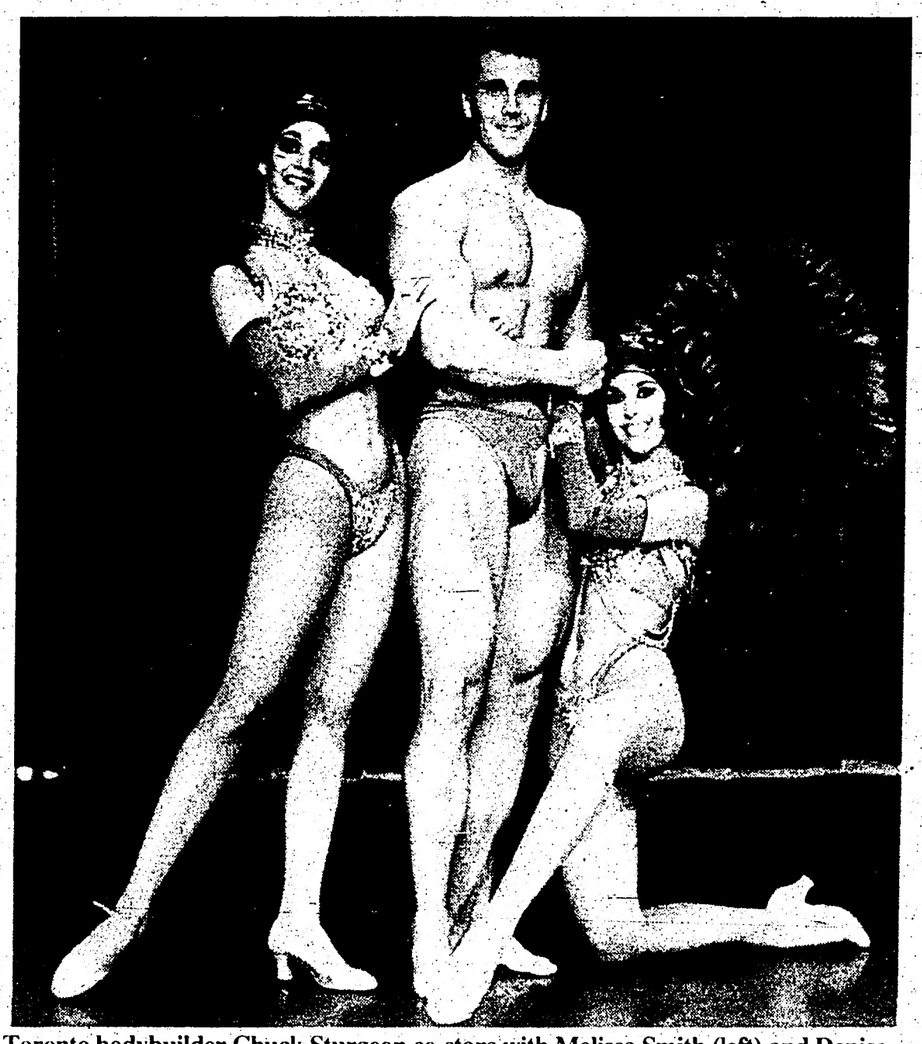

Toronto bodybuilder Chuck Sturgeon co-stars with Melissa Smith (left) and Denise Killion in High Voltage, the summer musical revue at the Imperial Room.

High Voltage charged with Yankee vitality

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

When it comes to musical revues, Toronto audiences are a puzzling breed.

They may genuinely enjoy a show, but they tend to be an undemonstrative, uptight bunch. Too often they exhibit their enthusiasm by sitting on their hands.

A case in point is *High Voltage*, the electrifying new 2-hour extravaganza whose Yankee vitality has been harnessed and packaged by Las Vegas impresario Greg Thompson. It's scheduled for an indefinite run at the Royal York Hotel's Imperial Room.

I caught the show the night after its official opening. To my delight, it's the most exciting summer revue I've seen for lo these many years at maitre d' Louis Jannetta's opulent supper club.

It's what a good Vegas show should be. With a cast of 14 sleek professionals and changes of 70 gorgeous costumes designed by Jazmin Mercer, it's gaudy and garish, saucy and sensuous, and consistently entertaining.

When high-kicking their way through 28 sizzling numbers deftly choreographed by mistinguett, ranging from *All That Jazz* to *Slaughter On Tenth Avenue*, the singing hoofers generate enough diesel-powered energy to fuel a half dozen hockey teams.

A lot of epidermis is exposed (most notably by three topless chorines and a chesty, stripped-down Muscleman, Toronto bodybuilder champ Chuck Sturgeon). And several novelty acts are on display (the standout being Texas magician-dancer Kurt Larson, who seemingly bends two 7-foot rods like bobby pins, appears to stick a vicious spear through his neck, then segues into a passionate adagio with his recent real-life bride, dancer Regina Powers).

In other words, it's a mini-spectacular, ablaze with flashing neon lights and bubbling with fun and fresh surprises. Yet you'd never know it from the restrained applause it drew from the audience.

I know they liked it, because I questioned guests seated at tables surrounding mine, and they all said they did.

"Then why didn't you show your feelings by giving them a great big hand?" I persisted.

"Well, I don't like sticking out in a crowd," replied one patron, the epitome of Toronto introverts.

Even if you're bashful, I urge you to catch *High Voltage*. It crackles with electric zest, and I guarantee it'll give you a lift and a glow and spark you up during the summer doldrums.

Willis eases into straightman role

Die Hard competent thriller

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Bruce Willis has usually been cast as a sort of bumbling funnyman. But in *Die Hard*, now playing at Famous Players theatres, he is a New York offduty cop fighting terrorists.

Willis makes the transition from comedian to straightman without pain. Several situations bring out the old Willis. But, on the whole, he assumes a new identity here.

John McTiernan's film, which is taut and strong most of the time, is about a group of German terrorists who take over a skyscraper in Los Angeles and hold 30 partygoers for ransom.

Their objective is a $600 million prize — negotiable bonds stored in a company vault that can only be reached if a computer code is cracked.

The terrorists break into the building without trouble, commandeering it as the select workers of a multinational company celebrate the end of a prosperous year.

Everyone is terrified, including Holly McClane (Bonnie Bedelia), whose estranged husband, John (Willis), a New York policeman, just happens to have been invited to the party.

John, who always carries a pistol, is momentarily at a loss. How, after all, can he disarm and incapacitate these ruthless, skilled terrorists?

The manner in which he takes them on is what *Die Hard* is all about. Willis is the guy who stymies their plans — or, as he puts it, "the fly in the ointment," "the pain in the ass."

With the exception of its corny, unacceptable ending, *Die Hard* is a competently-made thriller that should appeal to the summer crowd. There is rarely a moment when it is not suspenseful.

Willis, clambering down elevator shafts and ducking bullets, is pretty convincing as a cop who does his best to make the best of a bad situation.

Alexander Godunov, the exiled Russian ballet dancer, his blond locks framing his grave face, is one of the terrorists. He's an effective heavy, exuding a sense of doom as he goes about the business of trying to catch Willis.

Alan Rickman plays the part of Hans, the terrorist leader. He's cool and composed and so Germanic.

Die Hard's other characters include a sympathetic Los Angeles policeman who communicates with Willis through a CB radio; a traitorous executive who endears himself to the terrorists; a stupid assistant police chief; and a pair of gungho FBI agents who think they're still in Vietnam.

Die Hard, **despite its silly final scene, is worth the price of admission.**

Yiddish theatre focus of weekend

TORONTO —

The Yiddish theatre is the theme of the 4th annual Yiddish Weekend, sponsored by the Friends of Yiddish, Oct. 14-16, at Blue Mountain Inn, Collingwood.

Workshops are related to the Jewish theatre experience and will include acting, singing, and klezmer music. There will be a session on Yiddish theatre terminology (did you know the word for stage is *tzene*?).

Special guest will be Mel Gordon, dramatist, art critic, theatre director, and associate professor at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.

Gordon, who is a specialist in European and American Yiddish theatre, will discuss the roots of Yiddish theatre and the development of Jewish humour.

Chazanit Esther Ghan Firestone is the musical director for the weekend. Sandy Starkman will lead folk dancing.

"These weekends have been so successful we've had to turn people away," said Bess Shockett, formerly director of the committee for Yiddish, Toronto Jewish Congress. "So this year, we're at Blue Mountain Inn which has more room."

The Friends of Yiddish began in 1984 when seven people got together and decided to join in the worldwide revival of Yiddish. Since then the group has expanded to more than 200.

All meals on the weekend will be dairy, including fish.

For information and registration call Mary Barrer (416) 638-5279 or Bryna Rose (416) 633-7461.

Book of essays challenges historical views

New light shed on chassidism

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov did not make concerted efforts to take Chasidism to the masses, according to researcher Emanuel Etkes. The principles of the 18th century religious charismatic and wonder worker spread through his disciples.

Etkes' is one of three essays dealing with the origins of modern chassidism in Harvard University Press' newly published *Hasidism: Continuity or Innovation?* (U.S.$10). The essays challenge certain historical views. Jewish mystic circles predated the Baal Shem Tov.

Etkes invokes three considerations in his claim:

- Accounts of the Baal Shem Tov's travels do not mention him teaching chassidic worship directly to the public.
- The revolutionary concept that every Jew strive to achieve *devekut*, an intense spiritual proximity to God, was never explicitly described by the Baal Shem but by his disciples.
- His mystical *drushim*, discourses, as recorded by disciple Rabbi Yaacov Yosef, are too arcane and individualistic for mass consumption. "It seems much more logical that they express the Besht's needs to share his experiences and achievements with his small group of disciples or other chassidim," writes Etkes.

Etkes' essay also stresses the Baal Shem Tov's love of the Jewish people and his appreciation of its spiritual mission.

The opponents in the conflict launched against the chassidim by traditionalist Jews were not as distinct and clearly defined as history would have it, according to researcher Yaakov Hasdai. His examination of "a wide range of contemporary literacy sources" suggests a substantial degree of sympathy between the two sides' leaders, with some exceptions.

In his own essay, the book's editor, Bezalal Safran, culls the writings of 17th century Prague scholar and mystic Rabbi Judah Loew to demonstrate the latter's pioneering achievement in the concept of devekut.

The slim 150-page volume, clearly written for an academic publication, seems a valuable contribution to our knowledge of an important aspect of modern Jewish history.

Tree of Knowledge chronicles puberty's naturalistic passage

TORONTO

Puberty is a time of wrenching transition in everyone's life, and in Nils Malmros' *The Tree of Knowledge*, it is presented as a naturalistic, empathetic rite of passage.

The film, which is set in a provincial Danish city in the late 1950s, unfolds over a 2-year period, during which a viewer watches the physical and emotional development of a group of children from the 7th grade to their commencement dance in the 9th grade.

Now playing at Cineplex theatres, *The Tree of Knowledge* treats the trivial and the serious with equal regard as it meanders through the lives of these self-absorbed middle-class adolescents.

Malmros has a fairly good eye for revealing details, be they childish pranks played out in front of a prudish teacher trying to explain New York City to her distracted students, or the awkward, fumbling attempt by the teenagers to explore their budding sexuality.

The film, which is essentially lighthearted and nostalgic in tone, revolves around Elin (Eva Gram Schjoldager), the most mature and self-assured girl in her class. She plays on her advantages, albeit subtly, with the result that she alienates her peers. The girls become jealous; the boys grow unsure of themselves.

After a while, she's frozen out of the tight little circle in which they move, and her unhappiness is exacerbated by the attitudes and reactions of her prudish parents.

The Tree of Knowledge cuts sharply from one scene to the next, perhaps too sharply. And the ending is nothing if not abrupt. But these flaws, if this is what they are, can be condoned because Malmros has things pretty much in hand.

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Arts

Tonatiuh Morales is one of the clowns with Cirque Du Soleil.

Circus, theatre combined in ingenious mixture

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A new kind of circus is in town.

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There *is* an ingenious mixture of scintillating trapeze artists, tightrope walkers, chair balancers and teeter-totter tumblers in Cirque Du Soleil which runs in its yellow-and-blue-striped tent on Queen's Quay, near the foot of Spadina Ave., until Aug. 14.

Fresh from its triumphs in California and New York, Cirque Du Soleil is as much theatre as it is circus. The first figures in this 1-ring circus emerge out of a thick fog, glancing with surprise at the circus props. Soon some are transformed into performers. Throughout the show, one or another pops up, usually with a child, staring wide-eyed at the action. At the end, they are transformed back to their humdrum clothes and jobs: *the real world.*

For this reviewer, the highlight was the eight tumblers, dressed as penguins and wearing bowler hats, who flung each other in the air by jumping on teeter-totters and landing on a dime.

The original jazz-rock score insinuates itself so in the viewer's mind one loses track of where it begins or ends.

As a change of pace from its derring-do, clown Tonatiuh Morales won't do what the ringmaster tells him, huffs and puffs his way to a seat in the audience and announces: "It's a short show, go home!"

Pre-show, he scooted around the aisles, stripping suit jackets from unsuspecting men and pushing his face into the lenses of TV cameras.

Without uttering a word, Denis Lacombe puts the audience in stitches with his legendary mad conductor act. You'll never be able to watch a symphony orchestra again without thinking of it.

Agathe Oliver and Antoine Rigot not only dance on the tightrope, they do it so sensually you forget they are suspended in mid-air.

Cirque Du Soleil, founded by stilt-walkers, clowns and street performers in Montreal, is a winner at the bank, too. It started off five years ago with a budget of $1.2 million. Now it's grossing more than $14 million a year. Its dependence on government support has shrunk from 98% to less than 5%.

A young team, Normand Latourelle, 32, executive vice-president, Guy Laliberte, 28, founder and president, and Daniel Gauthier, 29, vice-president finance, have spun this business and artistic success.

Varying rewards for efforts

Academic reading for summer

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Tackling the academic style of three newly released historical and social studies will give the general reader varying degrees of reward for his efforts.

University of Haifa sociology professor Sammy Smooha's *Social Research on Jewish Ethnicity in Israel, 1948-86* **(Haifa U Press, American Jewish Committee, International Sephardic Education Foundation) discusses the ways in which the Ashkenazi-Sephardi relation has been explored by social scientists as much as the conclusions they have come up with.**

The heavily annotated book — 200 of its 275 pages are largely composed of references to Israeli academic papers in Hebrew or English — can be described as a sociologist's sociology study. Students of Israeli society will be delighted by the listed papers, many of which include capsule digests. Students bound to North American desks will know exactly what to look or send away for.

Among Smooha's foci are the main approaches taken by Israeli social scientists — cultural, class, and pluralistic — and these approaches' effect on their conclusions.

Smooha does point to some recent trends in Israel discussed by social scientists. These include the deepening divisions within the Sephardi community on religious lines, and the erosion of East European domination of the country's social, economic, and political systems.

An obvious bias detracts from Ilan Halevi's otherwise scholarly *A History of The Jews Ancient and Modern* **(Zed Books). The Arab, "and particularly Palestinian," refusal to recognize Israel is "a straightforward rejection of occupation, dispossession, and deportation," writes Halevi in his conclusions. Arab refusal is also based on "the century-old refusal of the Zionists to recognize the human and national rights of the people of the country."**

Halevi's well annotated and far-ranging text does not go into the forced pauperization of Jews compelled to leave Arab states after 1948.

He is also critical of traditional rabbis. Their emphasis on learning he describes as "glorification of knowledge that could serve to institutionalize the ignorance of the ignorant."

Readers expecting a certain kind of approach from the book's cover, dominated by Isidor Kaufman's oil painting of a side-curled youngster with lulav and etrog in The Descendant of the High Priest, will be disappointed.

The diversity of turn of the century Czech communities is explored in Hillel Kieval's *The Making of Czech Jewry: National Conflict and Jewish Society in Bohemia, 1870-1918* **(Oxford University Press).**

Both the country's rising Zionist and nationalist Jewish movements, each claiming to represent the Jewish community as a whole, were fed by the migration of thousands from the countryside to the city, writes Kieval. The migrants were dislocated by rising nationalism, industrialization, and anti-semitism.

Future Czech president Tomas Masaryk's relations with and support from the state-to-be's community are described throughout the 280-page volume.

The general reader will recognize, in the specifics of this academic volume, historical and social trends familiar in other times and places.

Recent Soviet arrivals already planning concert

MONTREAL —

The musical Dyachkov family of the Soviet Union has finally arrived in Montreal after a 10-year wait for exit visas. And they are already planning their first concert here for the fall.

Alexey Dyachkov was a viola soloist with the Moscow Chamber Orchestra. His wife Esther is an accomplished pianist and 14-year-old son Yagor is considered a prodigy on the violin.

The Dyachkovs' decision to emigrate to Montreal was largely based on a recommendation from renowned Soviet-born cellist and conductor Mstislav Rostropovich, whom they met in Rome.

Before arriving in Montreal, the family spent seven months travelling and performing through Europe. Rostropovich, with whom the Dyachkovs had performed on several occasions, advised that the family go to Montreal in order that Yagor study with another Soviet emigre, Yuli Turovsky, a distinguished cellist and founder of I Musici de Montreal. The family heeded the advice.

Yagor began to learn the violin at age 4 and four years later was accepted at the Moscow Conservatory School for Talented Children where he studied for six years, switching to the cello.

The Dyachkovs believe their emigration was made possible partly by the changes taking place under Gorbachev in the Soviet Union. During their 10-year wait, they received no explanation for the refusal. Their final year in the Soviet Union was tinged with sadness: their elder son, a physicist and computer expert, died at the age of 21.

They left the Soviet Union with little more than two violas and two cellos, for which they had to pay a special tax.

The Dyachkovs have been assisted by Jewish Immigrant Aid Services. They were provided with a furnished apartment in the Snowdon area. The YM-YWHA gave them a free membership and encouraged their participation in the Russian-Jewish Immigrant Program.

Yagor is now studying French to enable him to attend the Joseph Francois Perron School for musically talented children. He practices a minimum of four hours a day.

His parents are also keeping up their piano and viola, and hope to perform in Montreal soon. Fania Jivotovsky, another Soviet emigre and community services director at the Snowdon Y, is making arrangements for a fall concert at the Saidye Bronfman Centre Theatre.

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Violence part and parcel of package

Dirty Harry still evokes cheers in The Dead Pool

Dirty Harry Callahan (Clint Eastwood) chooses a unique weapon to defend himself in The Dead Pool.

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Clint Eastwood, until recently the mayor of Carmel, Calif., is back in pictures again. And judging by his latest film, *The Dead Pool*, he remains something of a cult hero, a position he's established partly on the strength of the Dirty Harry series (*Dirty Harry, Magnum Force, The Enforcer, Sudden Impact*).

In *The Dead Pool*, Eastwood, laconic, spare and ironic, combats the scum of the earth and comes up smelling like roses. Playing San Francisco homicide detective Harry Callahan, Eastwood evokes cheers of recognition and appreciation whenever he appears on the screen.

Presumably, Eastwood elicits this response because he represents qualities an audience admires — courage, coolness, manliness, modesty. And in *The Dead Pool*, which is directed by Buddy Van Horn, he exhibits these traits par excellence.

The picture turns on the murders of a debased rock star, an acerbic film critic and a talkative talk show host. In a subplot, Callahan dodges bullets and an explosive-laden toy Corvette and matches wits with an extremely unpleasant film director who seems up to no good.

Whether you like it or not, the incessant violence is part and parcel of the package. As *The Dead Pool* opens, Callahan, driving peacefully along an expressway, is cornered by two cars. Hired assassins puncture his car with bursts of fire, but Callahan gets the better of them. Aiming his Smith and Wesson revolver with all the aplomb of an Olympic marksman intent on winning the gold medal, Callahan bags them.

Later, in an elegant Chinese restaurant, Callahan makes short work of several hit men who've had the audacity to interrupt his meal.

Needless to say, Callahan never loses his cool, although, at one point, he threatens to resign, much to the distress of his nit-picking boss.

Predictably enough, a woman, in the guise of an aggressive TV reporter (Patricia Clarkson), enters Callahan's life. But she gets little opportunity to show off her feminine wiles.

Eastwood, his face ravaged by deep lines and wrinkles, his body somewhat chunkier, is obviously getting on. But the passage of time, however cruelly it has treated Eastwood, has not really dimmed his appeal.

The Dead Pool is rather basic — which means that it delivers what you might expect: a gritty plot, violence galore, and understated dialogue.

If you're fond of formula films, which this is in spades, you may well like this edition of Dirty Harry.

Regarded Eichmann as a cog

McCarthy fought battles

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Mary McCarthy: A Life, by Carol Gelderman. McCelland & Stewart. $37.95.

In 1980, during a radio interview with Dick Cavett, Mary McCarthy defamed Lillian Hellman, the well known playwright: "Every word she writes is a lie, including 'and' and 'but.' "

This impulsive capsule evaluation led to a protracted law suit that ended only with Hellman's death. After expending a great deal of time, effort and money on the matter, McCarthy was unrepentant. "If someone had told me don't say anything about Lillian Hellman because she'll sue you, it wouldn't have stopped me. It might have spurred me on."

Of mixed Irish-Catholic and Eastern European Jewish forebears, McCarthy was always forthright and outspoken, eager to play a part and attract attention. She fought many battles. One of them concerned her friend Hannah Arendt who was widely criticized for her book, about Adolph Eichmann. He was depicted as an average, undistinguished bureaucrat of middle-class upbringing who got his instructions and obeyed them. Arendt's final assessment of Eichmann's personality was that he was "banal."

Most Jews were astounded that she regarded Eichmann as a boring, trivial man, a cog in the Nazi death machine rather than as a moral monster.

Arendt also claimed that more Jews would have escaped death if their leaders had not cooperated with the Nazis. "There was no possibility of resistance," Arendt conceded, "but there existed the possibility of doing nothing."

McCarthy came quickly and vigorously to Arendt's defence and described the antagonism toward her as extreme and irrational. During the 1930s she participated in left-wing anti-Stalinist activities and was a co-founder of Partisan Review, the most prestigious literary journal of the day. Widely considered a "literary pugilist," many of her contemporaries feared her biting wit and corrosive sarcasm.

Almost all of her novels (many of them frankly autobiographical) lampooned or caricatured friends, foes and acquaintances. *The Oasis* poked fun at the pretensions of a circle of intellectuals, including herself, around Partisan Review. *The Group* satirized Vasser women. *The Groves of Academe* took college faculties to task, and *A Charmed Life* and *Birds of America* magnified the foibles of the inhabitants of Wellfleet, Mass. and Stonington, Maine. It is no wonder that her husband felt they could no longer live in either New York or Maine because of the enemies she had created.

In her books of reportage, *Vietnam* (1967) and *Hanoi* (1968) she condemned the United States for its undeclared war in southeast Asia and pleaded with Americans to view the war as a moral problem.

Four times married, her brief, tempestuous marriage to Edmund Wilson, the famous literary critic, will arouse most interest and curiosity. It was a disaster from the beginning. Wilson was abusive, tyrannical and temperamentally at odds with Mary. She emerges as a more gentle, warm and caring figure than usually regarded.

At the age of 76, McCarthy can look back on a multitude of causes, won and lost, on her 24 books on a variety of subjects and on her friendship with many of the creative and seminal figures who shaped the cultural events of modern history.

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Whale watching excursions exciting on St. Lawrence

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

TADOUSSAC, Que. — Here where the Saguenay River flows into the almost 12-mile (20 kilometre) wide St. Lawrence River, this travel reporter in mid-June witnessed more than a dozen big black whales surfacing after spouting a huge spray of water into the air.

It was an exciting afternoon on board the motorized sailing ship Marie Clarisse. Planned was a trip up the fjord-like Saguenay River, but when we left the dock near where a fur trading post had been established by the French in 1600, the ship's captain reported that whales had been sighted as they came to Tadoussac.

So out we sailed into the St. Lawrence. We donned sweaters and windbreakers even though it was hot and sunny on shore. Here where the river was mainly salt water it was cold with a strong breeze blowing from the east. One of the crew explained over the loudspeaker system that directions of where whales were seen would be called out as if the ship was a clock, with the front at 12 o'clock.

A half-hour out we saw the first spouting far off at 1 o'clock, or near the front of the ship. Then a black shape came above the water, and the first whale had been sighted. Most of us saw it. From then on passengers joined the crew in calling out sightings. The motors were shut off and we travelled for a while silently.

Whales came closer, spouted more frequently as they came to the surface and gracefully arched above the water. Some came fairly close to the ship, to the delight of photographers.

I watched the big sea mammals through binoculars. They came singly and in pairs. The ship turned its motors on again and we went further into the river. Another ship hove into view, its decks crowded with whale watchers. After an hour of displays some 10 big black whales, like a chorus line, came into view, each sending up a huge spray of water, then rising half out of the water to show their fins, and diving deep into the river. It was like a finale of a group of dancers.

Then we headed up the river for the mouth of the Saguenay River.

A few white beluga whales were sighted, but I didn't see them. These belugas are much smaller than the fin and blue whales we saw. Once they inhabited this region by the thousands. They were hunted for years by settlers in the area on the assumption that they ate the cod, salmon and other fish on which the settlers depended for food. Their oil was used for lighting lamps and animal food. Now only about 500 belugas remain.

In recent years it was found that the whales, especially the belugas, lived on small fish, shrimps and marine worms.

There is a research station now at nearby Pointe Noir with an exhibit of the life of the beluga whale, a skeleton of its bone structure, how it feeds and how its young are fed. You can even buy beluga milk here, for baby beluga are fed like humans on milk. The research work done here includes methods of combatting the pollution which has increased in both rivers in recent decades and endangered the lives of all whales.

Ottawa announced recently that some $6 million is to be spent on research for saving the whales of this region. A marine park is to be established where the St. Lawrence and Saguenay Rivers meet.

When we turned from whale watching we sailed up the Saguenay, a wide river with steep wooded cliffs on both shores. The river is navigable all the way to Chicoutimi, a hilly region, where not so long ago cruise ships used to travel. Now most trips are only some miles up between the 1,000-foot (300-metre) cliffs; riddled with caves, sheer walls of rock, and historic spots where there have been shipwrecks or other disasters.

Once between the cliffs, even though the river is more than a mile wide, we could take off sweaters and windbreakers, and the cold breezes from the wide-open St. Lawrence River subsided. Sometimes whales are seen on the Saguenay, but not this day. But there was enough seabird life to watch as well as the scenery.

Whale watching in this area is from mid-June to mid-October. It becomes too cold for this exciting sport in winter.

The fjord-like Saguenay Rivewr near Tadoussac, Que., where it joins the wide St. Lawrence River.

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Travel

Maryland offers discounts for Canadians this season

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

BALTIMORE, Md. —

There are varying discounts for accommodations, meals and attractions throughout much of the state of Maryland for Canadians this season. They range from 10% to 30%. All you need is some identity card showing you are a Canadian citizen.

The discounts are of value not only to the short-time visitor who stops in the state on the way to winter destinations, but also to the summer vacationer who comes to enjoy the beaches, seafood and attractions of major cities.

Maryland has plenty to offer Canadian visitors by way of historical sites, cultural festivals, a plentitude of seafood, offshore fishing in salt water, sporting events and even space developments.

The coastal areas were expored by French, Spanish and English navigators before there was a settlement in 1634 at today's St. Mary's. Because the first settlers were from England under a charter by King Charles I after whose wife the colony was named, you will find much of royalty wherever you go in the state, and the portraits of English monarchs and nobles in the state house at Annapolis.

Maryland was one of the 13 colonies which in 1776 formed the United States of America.

Baltimore, the state's largest city, is not far from Washington, and is a major seaport. Its harbor in recent years has been renovated and now has many attractions and fine restaurants replacing old warehouses and docks. Nearby is Fort McHenry, a star-shaped fortress where British troops were repulsed in 1814 and Francis Scott Key wrote the U.S. national anthem, The Star-Spangled Banner. The house in downtown Baltimore where the song was written at 844 East Pratt St. is one of the most visited historic places in the city.

Baltimore also has one of the largest collections of railroad engines and cars and much memorabilia of the early days of the iron horse. It has the United States frigate Constellation, built in 1797 and today the oldest U.S. warship afloat at Constellation Dock on Pratt St., open to visits. There is an aquarium on the waterfront with a large shark tank, a rain forest and tanks of marine life found in Chesapeake Bay.

Among other attractions in the city you can visit a Streetcar Museum, the house where novelist Edgar Allan Poe lived at 203 Amity St., the restored birthplace of baseball great Babe Ruth at 216 Emory and numerous art galleries.

The capital of Annapolis has not only the legislative buildings but also the United States Naval Academy where parades of the cadets are held frequently. There are guided walking tours of the colonial sections of the city by guides wearing colonial dress.

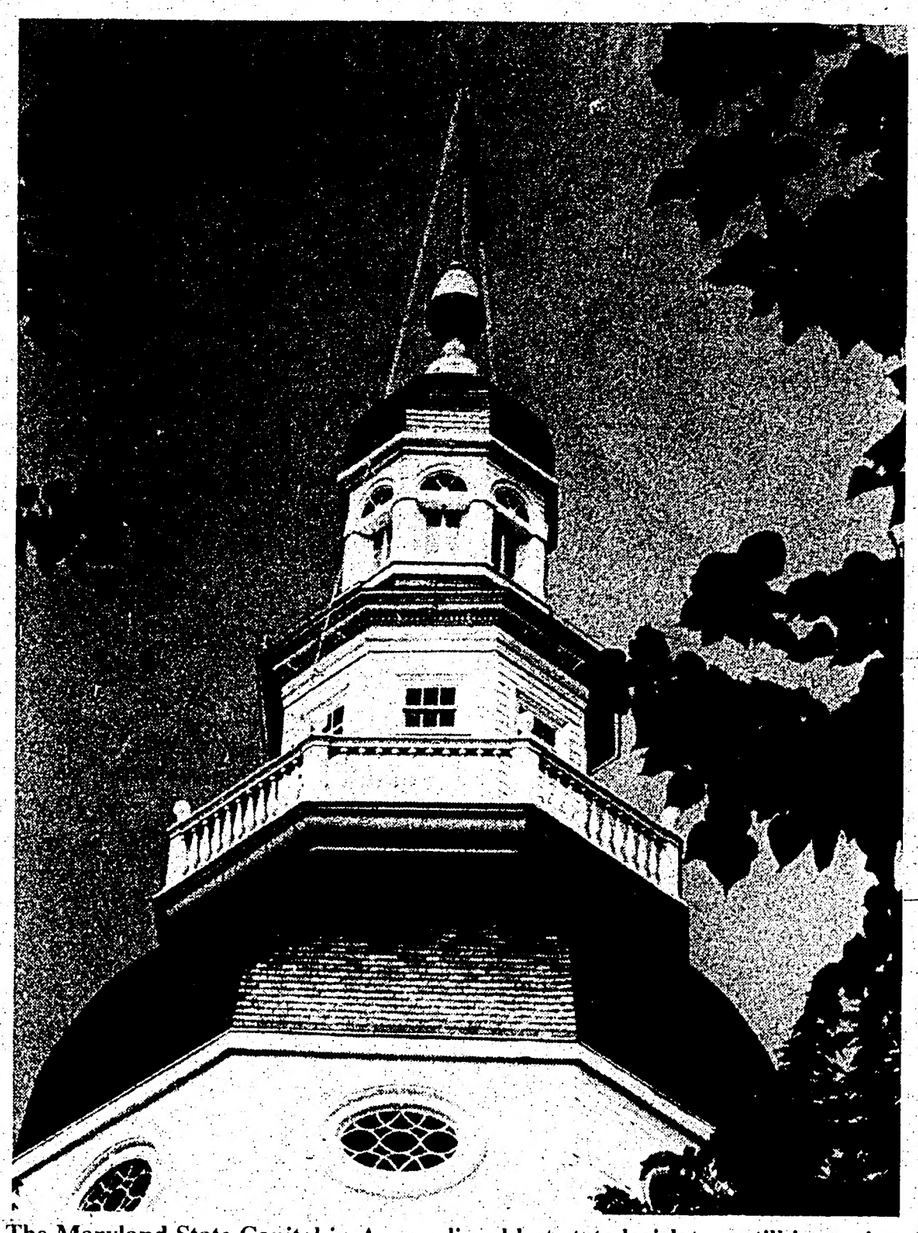
The city is filled with fine 18th century mansions, many of which can be visited, and most are still occupied. You'll find a wide variety of pleasure as well as fishing craft along the inlets of the town.

For those who come to visit the seashore and relax on long sand beaches there is Ocean City along the state's eastern shore. Here are miles of beaches and boardwalks, the latter for walking, cycling or touring by a motorized white boardwalk train. This is an area of golf clubs, opportunities for shore and pier fishing, amusement parks and cruises.

There are dozens of small hotels and restaurants in all price ranges, many of which are open all year, and all of them in summer.

Come to Prince George's County with some 18th century homes, but also the Goddard Space Flight Center and Museum, where you can see models of rocket launchings and developments in space flights. Here too is Andrews Air Force Base used as a military headquarters and airport by the U.S. President and high officials.

There are synagogues throughout the state of Maryland with over 50 in Baltimore alone. The first synagogue was established there in 1829 and is believed to be the third oldest in the U.S. Many of the suburbs of Washington are in Maryland, and all have synagogues.



The Maryland State Capitol in Annapolis, oldest state legislature still in use in the U.S., is one of the sights to visit if you attend the Seafood Festival there early in September.

Photo exhibit featured at NY's Jewish Museum

NEW YORK —

The Jewish Museum will observe Israel's 40th anniversary with an exhibition of photographs by an artist who uses the land of Israel itself as an art form.

From Emptiness — Sinai, HaNegev, Midbar Yehuda: Photographs by Stuart Klipper will be on view until Oct. 2.

Klipper is an American photographer concerned with place: the physical reality of the landscape and its inherent spiritual qualities. In the fall of 1985, he traveled to Israel to explore the desert landscape. The result of his journey is this exhibition of 75 photographs in three phases: large color prints, large black and white prints, and a series of smaller color photographs in four consecutive image sequences.

Klipper's travels to photograph remote landscapes have taken him to such places as the Antarctic, Lapland, Patagonia, Europe and across the United States.

For Klipper, however, Israel became the culmination of his global explorations, representing a central location full of metaphorical significance. The artist's journey was also inspired by his readings in philosophy, science and history, and the need to examine his Jewish identity.

To photograph subtle as well as dramatic variations in landscape, Klipper spent a month exploring the Sinai, the Negev and the Judean Desert. While the panoramic views presented in his large color photographs document vast areas of the desert, it is the sense of place resulting from the photographer's spiritual communion with the land that is uniquely conveyed, the museum says.

In both the consecutive color images and the black and white photographs, Klipper concentrates on limited areas or details, thereby distilling the vastness of the desert. The small color photographs, when veiwed in sequence, reveal subtle gradations and continuous variations in light, color and texture.

In their ability to convey different aspects and experiences of the desert, the large- and small-scale photographs vary from intimate, poetic portraits of nature's details to sweeping, panoramic landscapes, the museum adds.

The photographic medium offers Klipper a means to express his contemplative, reflective nature, as well as his esthetic sensibilities. The photographs thus constitute a synthesis of his visit encounter with the land and his search for spiritual significance.

Venturesome travelers need comfortable feet

TORONTO —

Comfortable feet are crucial for venturesome vacationers bent on exploring exciting new places.

Suddenly, when people become travelers, increased focus is put on their feet. They wonder whether their feet will be able to carry them through walking tours of nine cities in 14 days; or, simply, if feet will hold up during a long day of sightseeing.

Since comfort is an important commodity when traveling, members of Dr. Scholl's Foot Health Advisory Board have compiled a list of "foot savers" that travelers can pack along with their toothbrushes and other necessities.

• Foot powder: Feet tend to perspire when you do a lot of walking. Powdering feet daily after a thorough washing and drying can help curb perspiration and prevent potential development of athlete's foot.

• Multipurpose foot spray: An aerosol spray that keeps feet cool and fresh while it deodorizes can be carried in your bag throughout the day. Whenever your feet feel fatigued, give them a spray to revive them.

• Moleskin: Cotton flannel padding with adhesive backing can be used to help protect tender spots that may develop on your feet from friction between skin and shoes.

• Insoles: Whether you're tramping through the woods or trudging through Roman ruins, your feet need adequate cushioning to protect them from shock as they strike the hard ground. Adding an insole to your walking shoes can give you extra padding to help absorb foot shock.

Those who wear athletic shoes might add a special sports insole to their footwear. Women who wear sandals can add half insoles to shoes for hidden comfort. Half insoles are especially effective for women who wear medium- to-high heels, because they help keep the foot from sliding forward, which puts pressure on the toes and ball of the foot.

• Foot bath: Give your feet a treat after a long day of walking. Soak them in a solution of lukewarm water and soap crystals that come in convenient individual packets. A foot soak can help soften hard skin and relax tired feet.

A final foot comfort tip — make sure shoes fit properly.

The shoe heel should fit snugly. The instep should not gape open, and there should be one-quarter to one-half inch of room between the tip of the longest toe and the tip of the shoes. Many foot conditions develop from poorly fitted shoes.

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Business Outlook

Rich variety of Jewish life products

Multitude of treats at 2nd Kosher Food Expo

By
ROSE KLEINER

NEW YORK —

The treats were so abundant that it was humanly impossible to sample everything during one visit. But kosher food was only one of many attractions which drew a record crowd to New York's second, and largest, Kosher Food and Jewish Life Expo in June. The rich variety of Jewish life products and information made this expo doubly worthwhile.

The success of the event was such that a third New York expo has already been booked at the Javits Convention Center for Feb. 12-20.

The kosher delights at the expo included bourekas, tortillas, knishes, burittos, kosher shrimp, lobster and crabs. There was pasta and ravioli, and baby food provided by an Israeli company, Remedia. Several chocolate companies offered samples of truffles, chocolate covered fruit, and candies.

One could sample different French condiments (direct from France), cheeses and the heavenly leben (a type of yogurt) made by Mehadr[illegible]. Aside from the many [illegible]mes there were umpteen juices and sodas handed to the visitor.

Bagels of all flavors were proffered by several companies, and the varieties and samples of kosher wines were downright overwhelming. There was actually a wine supermarket right in the heart of the Expo.

The exhibitors came from 12 countries, among them Denmark, Israel, Holland, France and Canada. Twenty U.S. states were represented.

The visitors, too, came from everywhere, it seemed, and they continued streaming to this largest kosher party right up to its fifth, and last day. Altogether about 70,000 people attended, and about 400 exhibitors participated.

Visitors learned about many new kosher products — Cajun flavored bagel crisps, peach wine, kosher prosciuto, fish hot dogs and fish bologna (that were just delicious). A new seasoning, especially for making cholent, was introduced.

A number of new companies joined this expo. Procter and Gamble, Sara Lee, Pepperidge Farm and Nabisco had exhibits, alongside the meat and poultry products of Shofar Foods, and Real Kosher Sausage, as well as Empire Kosher Poultry.

According to Expo organizer Irving Silverman, the vast increase in kosher products (numbering now about 16,000 items) is only partly accounted for by a growing demand among Jewish consumers. Research has shown that for every Jewish buyer of kosher foods there are three non-Jewish consumers. Even supermarkets in non-Jewish neighborhoods now set aside shelf space for kosher products.

The non-Jewish market is reflected in several new trends in kosher foods and packaging. Small portion packaging for singles, and economy-size packaging for larger families are two opposite trends that have a growing market in the Jewish community.

Other new trends include rising consumer health concerns, and an increasing emphasis on natural ingredients. The Natural Kosher Beef exhibit offered information about organically grown beef, where no antibiotics, hormones or growth stimulants were employed. The beef has no additives, preservatives, chemicals or pesticides.

The kosher food nourishment for the body was complemented by an equal measure of nourishment for the soul in the Jewish Life exhibits.

Many Jewish book publishers and book stores had displays, as did the Museum of the Mikvah, and a custom succah manufacturer. Other exhibits included an introduction service, kosher cosmetics (with special Shabbes cosmetics), and kosher vitamins.

The Jewish Vegetarians of North America had an exhibit, and so did the Kosher Gourmet Magazine. Kosher Kommotion, the new kosher coupon book was on sale, and visitors could book kosher tours to many parts of the world, including Canada, through another exhibit.

Often most valuable asset

Rules affect family home

Tax News

By
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While there is no question that home is where the heart is, in these days of spiralling home prices it is also where the wallet is.

For most Canadians, the family home remains their most valuable asset. Accordingly, individuals should treat home ownership much like they would any investment.

There are a number of tax rules that surround the family home, many of which are exceedingly complex. However, as with any investment, there are many areas in which tax planning may be warranted.

If asked, most Canadians would say that the family home can be sold on a tax-free basis. What they fail to realize is that this may not always be the case. In fact, a gain is normally generated on the sale of a family home, which can be exempted, by designating the property as the taxpayer's principal residence for certain years.

This is where the adventure begins. In order to qualify for this exemption, the property must be a "principal residence" which includes virtually any housing unit owned solely by the taxpayer, or jointly with his spouse, or his dependent child. This would include a house, cottage or residential condominium.

The residence must be ordinarily inhabited by the taxpayer, his spouse or his dependent child. It appears that one of these individuals must move into the home and live there, to qualify as a principal residence. If circumstances dictate the sale of the home prior to moving in, the sale will likely be taxable.

Furthermore, there is some uncertainty as to the duration of time that must be spent in the house in order to meet this test. Revenue Canada's liberal interpretation states that a taxpayer may designate any residence as his principal residence as long as he lives in the home at some time during the year and his principal intention was not to make a profit on the disposition of the property.

However, the courts require residence of a more permanent duration to qualify. As a result of this uncertainty, taxpayers following Revenue Canada's administrative practice should attempt to ensure their actions are not abusive in nature.

The uncertainty doesn't stop here. Taxpayers with large estates will only be able to claim the principal residence exemption on the portion of land that reasonably contributes to the use and enjoyment of the housing unit. This is especially relevant where the land exceeds one-half hectare in size. Factors such as municipal and provincial laws affecting lot size and the use of other facilities on the land such as a garden and play area contribute to the end result.

Since 1982, a family unit (spouse, dependent child) may qualify for only one principal-residence exemption. However, families that own both a home and another residence — such as a cottage or Florida condo — may find themselves subject to tax on the disposition of one of the properties. Any unused portion of the taxpayer's $100,000 capital gains exemption will be available to shelter the gain that arises in these circumstances.

A taxpayer who owns more than one residence may want to consider selling his interest in one of the residences to his or her spouse. Any potential tax on the capital gain that would otherwise arise could be sheltered by the principal residence and/or capital gains exemption. The vendor should receive fair market consideration for the sale to avoid the application of the attribution rules.

This transaction may provide the purchaser spouse an opportunity to use the capital gains exemption that would otherwise go unused in the future. Also, in circumstances where spouses are in different tax brackets, this sale could result in income splitting by converting an interest in a non-income producing asset — such as a home — into cash or other liquid assets that can be invested in income producing properties.

Circumstances may arise where a taxpayer initially purchases a rental property for investment purposes and in later years converts that property into his personal dwelling. In the year this change of use occurs, the taxpayer is deemed to dispose of his rental property for its fair market value at that time. The capital gain that would otherwise arise can be deferred until the time the property is sold if the taxpayer files the appropriate election with his tax return for that year.

It is important to note that in order for this election to be valid, capital cost allowance (CCA) cannot have been claimed on this property in any taxation year ending after 1984. Accordingly, taxpayers who find themselves in this situation should not claim CCA while the house is a rental property.

A similar option is available when a taxpayer converts a principal residence into a rental property.

This article has only scratched the surface regarding the gamut of tax rules that permeate from the family home. Any planning done in this area should be carried out carefully by being cognizant of all of the complexities and traps in the system. Its important to know the rules: "Don't leave home without them."

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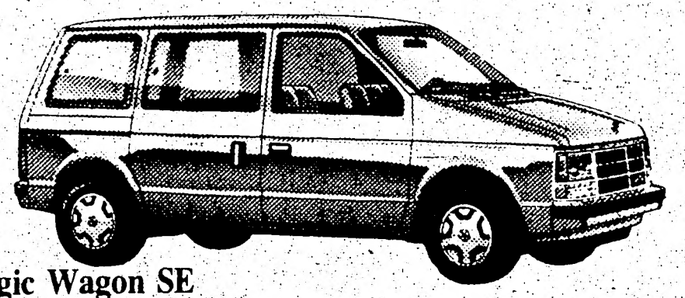
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Charitable organizations fall into jurisdiction

Public trustee describes his office's mandate

Retiring co-chairmen of the Professional Advisory Committee of the United Jewish Welfare Fund/Toronto Jewish Congress Endowment Fund are honored for their work promoting the Endowment program. From left are Leon Bleiwas, Ron Appleby, Sheldon Silver and Gordon Cooper. Missing is Irving Rosen.

This is the second of two articles prepared for The CJN by The Toronto Jewish Congress.

TORONTO —

Hugh Paisley says his Public Trustee's Office has created a new publication which will detail laws, policies and practices governing charitable organizations in Ontario.

Paisley told the update 88 financial seminar sponsored by the Professional Advisory Committee of the United Jewish Welfare Fund/Toronto Jewish Congress Endowment Fund that this publication was created to help professionals and the public understand the application of laws, rules and regulations applicable to operating charities.

He said that when his department examines the operation of a charitable organization, it reviews not only use of funds but how they are raised, as well as administration costs and how the organization's mandate is fulfilled.

"Generally, charitable corporations in Ontario are well managed and there is little abuse."

Paisley said that the mandate of his office, which is under the jurisdiction of the ministry of consumer and corporate relations, is the administration and review of 46,000 charities in the province. It also covers the administration of about 2,500 estates where there is no will or Ontario heirs, the management of special trusts and the holding of assets of Ontario corporations that have been involuntarily closed.

The 170-member department has a budget of $7 million.

Public Trustee Hugh Paisley

Stan Sokol, a solicitor in the Public Trustee's Office, said that "people need to understand that once they've given their contribution, it is no longer theirs to rule."

He then responded to questions from the floor on conflict of interest, differences between federal and provincial ruling on charitable organization and the need for improved laws regarding Ontario's disabled and estate management as well as for directors of charitable corporations.

Two law firms now associated

TORONTO —

The Toronto law firm, Goodman and Carr, and the Montreal law firm, Lapointe Rosenstein, announced that they have formed an association, known as Goodman Lapointe, for the development of their international and franchising practices.

"Our association with Lapointe Rosenstein puts the two firms in a better position to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the globalization of markets, the Canada-U.S. free trade agreement and the projected 1992 elimination of tariff barriers in the European Economic Community," said Barry Spiegel, a partner at Goodman and Carr.

"As well, we will be able to provide services for a growing number of domestic and foreign companies which want to conduct business throughout Canada," he added.

"Lapointe Rosenstein's international client base is strongly oriented towards European companies," said Jeffrey Blidner, a Goodman and Carr partner. Both their international and Quebec-based clients do business throughout Canada. Goodman and Carr's international services are performed primarily for U.S. and Far Eastern clients. With Quebec's continuing prosperity, more of our clients require services in that province. We complement each other and offer clients a more complete range of bilingual legal services," said Blidner.

Goodman and Carr, formed in 1965, is a full-service law firm, with 94 lawyers, while Lapointe Rosenstein is a full-service law firm with 45 bilingual lawyers.

Israeli company is seeking tender

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Tadiran Ltd. has approached a number of Canadian companies about teaming up to compete for a major Canadian defence tender.

The tender, due to be formally issued within the next year or two, is for tactical radios to be supplied to the Canadian army. Its value has been estimated at hundreds of millions of dollars.

One of the companies Tadiran has already sought out is Benedix-Avelex, a large electronics firm based in Montreal. The Canadian government, like most governments, is more inclined to award contracts to one of its own firms and Tadiran has apparently realized that it stands a better chance of winning it by joining up with a local firm.

In June, together with the American General Dynamics Corp., Tadiran won a U.S. army contract for "Sincgars" — single channel ground airborne radio systems. The deal was originally reportedly to be worth billions of dollars, but it eventually emerged that the contract only guarantees an initial order of 550 radio transmitters, worth $22 million, to be split between the two companies in 1991.

Only then will a tender be made for the major order, worth by Tadiran estimates some $300 million annually over a 15-year period. Tadiran and General Dynamics will likely face tough competition at that stage, as ITT Corp. is the army's traditional supplier of these radios. But Tadiran officials have insisted their radio incorporates more advanced state-of-the-art technology.

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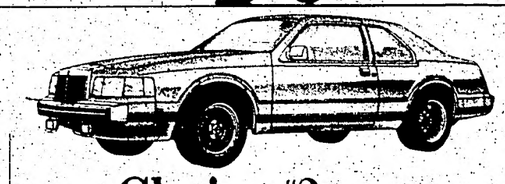

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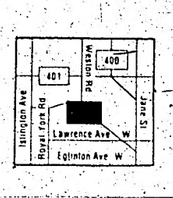

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Business Outlook

Serruyas got their licks in first

Brothers throw spoon into frozen yogurt war

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

TORONTO — I scream, you scream, we all scream for....frozen yogurt?

Okay, it doesn't sound as good as the old familiar kids' chant, but in a health-conscious society where fat is a dirty word, the low caloric and fat content of frozen yogurt is becoming a major consumer attraction and market force.

There are more than 2,000 frozen yogurt franchises in the United States, and the top four chains in that country topped $70 million in sales last year. As with most retail trends, the yogurt craze is heading north, and locations are popping up across the country.

Two young brothers — Sephardi Jews from Toronto — are at the forefront of this burgeoning business phenomenon, and their company, Yogen Fruz, is expanding at a rapid pace.

Aaron and Michael Serruya, aged 23 and 21, respectively, opened their first location at the Promenade shopping mall in August 1986. Less than two years later there are 27 Yogen Fruz locations operating across the country, with nine more scheduled to open by the end of August.

The brothers hope to obtain kashruth approval for their products in the near future.

Aaron began his business career with the help of his father, the owner of a Toronto computer typesetting firm. He helped finance the purchase of a deli restaurant in Miami when Aaron was the ripe old age of 19.

On frequent visits to the Sunshine State, brother Michael was intrigued by the rapid proliferation of frozen yogurt stands.

The brothers discussed this fact and, their interest growing, began to investigate the industry. Their findings were more than encouraging.

Sites chosen with care

"When we saw Baskin-Robbins stores in California moving the ice cream to the back of the store and setting up frozen yogurt machines at the front, that was the clincher," Michael said.

But with American chains already casting an eye towards the Canadian market, the Serruyas knew they had to "get a head start on them" before they became established.

They retained Martin Hirshberg and Associates, a prominent design firm, to come up with a retail concept, and hooked up with a leasing company to help them find locations.

When the Promenade store opened, Michael said, "it was gangbusters right away."

Unsolicited applications for franchises started coming in almost immediately, and once they had investigated franchising and put together a package, the brothers began choosing suitable operators.

Their strategy was to look for high-volume mall locations, where the traffic would be year-round, an important factor in a country with a climate such as ours.

The Serruyas say that the popularity of yogurt is still in its infancy in Canada. Citing the European yogurt tradition, they point to sales at their six Montreal locations that greatly exceed the average. It's only a matter of time, they say, before the rest of the country catches up.

All Yogen Fruz products are made from a vanilla flavored yogurt base, to which fresh fruit is added while you watch. There are from eight to 12 different fruit choices at various locations and combinations of different fruits are possible.

Other products include shakes, Fruzwiches (frozen yogurt between two cookies), fruit cups, Belgian waffles, frozen yogurt pies and cakes.

Michael says the healthy properties of yogurt — less than half the calories of ice cream, only two to five per cent fat content, compared with up to 40 per cent for some premium ice creams, as well as yogurt's value as a calcium source — is the biggest selling factor.

Michael and Aaron Serruya use fresh fruit and a vanilla yogurt base to make their frozen desserts.

Yogen Fruz franchises are turn-key operations — everything inclusive — and applications are still pouring in for them.

"The only problem is finding good locations," Michael said.

Michael admits the Canadian frozen yogurt market is "starting to feel pressure from the U.S.," as large chains make their way up here, but the brothers have turned the tables a bit by selling territorial franchises for some Northeastern states. They have even sold Yogen Fruz rights for Venezuela.

The young brothers are currently flushed with success, and their business attitude is cocky and aggressive.

"We have several stores in malls that are right beside a Baskin-Robbins," Michael said.

"We wish every one was."

Sonny Goldstein, C.L.U.
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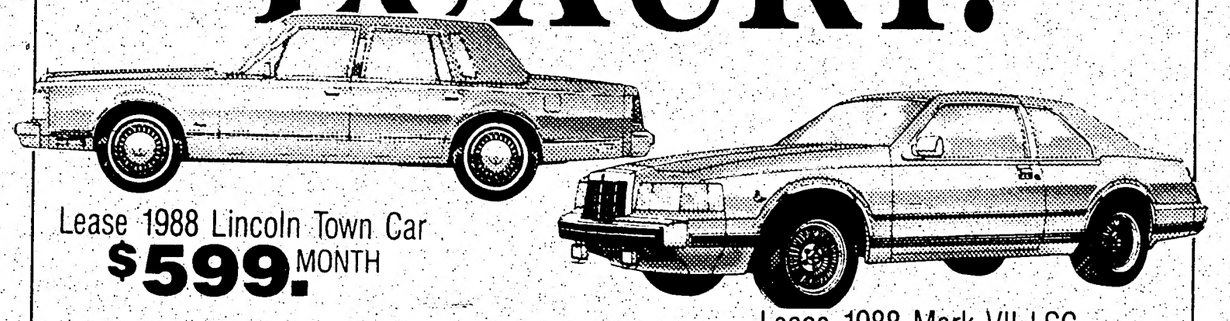

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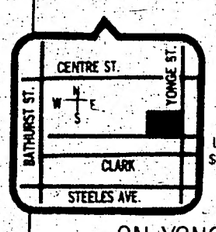

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Barry King on July 18/88, late of P.O. Box 1000.
Harry Gotlieb on July 18/88, late of 50 Robingrove Road.
Lillian Banack on July 18/88, late of 21 Mayfair Ave. #403.
Louise Cohen on July 19/88, late of 115 Hillcrest Drive.
Maximillian Szilberberg on July 19/88, late of Baycrest Centre.
Samuel Tick on July 19/88, late of 162 Armour Blvd.
Berta Weil on July 20/88, late of 55 Erskine Ave. #906.
Betty Burstoff on July 21/88, late of 66 Hove Street.

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Derlachter, Harry on July 24, 1988, late of 4 Overdale Road.
Ezekiel, Jonathan on July 19/88, late of 15 Deerford Road.
Goldkorn, Isaac on July 18, 1988, late of 3300 Don Mills Rd., #1401.
Kravitz, Nathan on July 12, 1988, late of 118 Dowling Street.
Laufer, Philip on July 20, 1988, late of 1700 Finch Ave. E. #602.
Schwab, Evelyn on July 22, 1988, late of 102 Shelbourne #310.
Slawin, Jeremiah on July 13, 1988, late of 43 Arlstan Drive.
Slitterman, Alex on July 17, 1988, late of 4266 Bathurst St., #214.
Steinberg, Tillie on July 11, 1988, late of 4455 Bathurst Street.
Young, Eva on July 17, 1988, late of 20 Varna Drive, #310.
Zalai, Magda on July 17, 1988, late of 2 Heartstone Crescent.

Steeles-College Memorial Chapel

51 Unveilings

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Moishe Meslin** will take place on Sunday, August 7th 11:30 a.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Park Farband-Independent Workmen's Circle Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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Respect lesson of Tu B'Av

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Jewish unity will only become a reality if we actively commit ourselves to ahavas yisrael — love and respect for other Jews — in our own family, and within the Jewish community as a whole, according to New York educator and lecturer Pearl Lebovic.

Rebbitzen Lebovic was giving one of a series of lectures for women on the challenge of Jewish unity, at the Lubavitch Community Centre in Thornhill.

Ahavas yisrael, she said, implies an "unconditional acceptance of every Jew, because we all come from one entity, and thus every soul is enmeshed in that of Adam HaRishon, the first man."

We all have an inner compulsion for selfishness, she said, a desire "to demand our own space." But we must, she said, fight that impulse and learn to lose ourselves in concern and a "selfless joy" in the welfare of others.

In Temple times, Lebovic explained, "when finding marriage partners was as much of a problem as it is today," girls would dance in the vineyards on Tu B'Av (the 15th day of Av) in order to attract the attention of young men.

To insure that everybody had an equal chance of being noticed and appreciated for their inner qualities, and not for their wealth or status, everyone, from the king's daughter on down, exchanged clothes.

Their genuine concern for each other was so great, Lebovic quoted the Gemara as saying, that they were enabled to reach the very highest level of holiness.

"Through their achdus (unity) they reminded the men, not just on that day but in days following, that we are all here for a higher purpose."

Lebovic urged the audience to avoid slanderous or judgmental talk about others. "We must remember that what is said about one Jew affects every other Jew."

She went on to blame much of today's difficulty in finding and keeping a mate to a failure to observe ahavas yisrael with one's spouse.

Marriage, she said, is not designed to fulfil ourselves, but to be a helpmate to one's husband or wife — "to help them be the best person they can be."

That doesn't mean, she added, that one should be a slave to the other person.

Lebovic urged marriage readiness courses both in schools and for prospective brides and grooms.

Lebovic and her husband, Yeheskel, operate the Likrat Shiduch Matchmaking Service in Morristown, NJ, which not only helps arrange marriages (for Orthodox and non-Orthodox couples alike) but provides marriage readiness classes and marriage counselling. They can be reached at (201) 285-1769 or (201) 267-6640.

Sarah Smith, organizer of the lecture series along with Sultana Nakkar, told The CJN that Lubavitch women arrange a similar educational program every year during the nine days before Tisha B'Av, because "that is traditionally a time for introspection."

Other lecturers in the 3-day program included Rabbi Yeheskel Lebovic and Toronto Lubavitch Rabbis Yosef Gansburg and David Shochet.

Difficult for seniors to alert public

Psychological abuse of elderly said common

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Ignoring the elderly in their presence is a form of psychological violence against them that is more common than physical violence.

So said Rheta Duenisch, chairperson of the first Awareness of Abuse of the Elderly project here run by volunteer seniors, at its recent inauguration at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living.

"One of the worst things you can do to an elderly person is to act as if he or she is not in the room," she said. "An example is when a son or daughter takes a parent to the doctor and proceeds to do all the talking for that parent."

The project, sponsored by an $18,200 grant from the federal New Horizons program, aims to "educate its members and the community about the situation," said Duenisch.

"There is more abuse of the elderly than wife battering. Much of it is covert, or hidden, and it ranges from lack of feeling to overmedication. Whatever takes power and credibility away from an older person is a form of violence," she said.

In 30 years those 65 and older will be 21% of the Canadian population so elderly abuse looms larger and larger on the public agenda, according to Leeanne Colvin, of the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly, Toronto, who also spoke.

Colvin, a lawyer on the centre's staff, said the elderly are 10 years behind other groups in winning recognition of their problems because "it has taken them longer to come out of the closet."

She said, "It is more difficult for seniors to alert the public because they are more isolated and frequently do not have the energy to publicize the problem."

Two cases of elderly abuse are brought to the centre's attention every week, she said.

Financial abuse is the most common abuse against the elderly, an example being the forced sale of property, Colvin said. She disclosed that the centre is currently taking legal action against a Vancouver man who came to Toronto and allegedly convinced his ailing mother to transfer $14,000 to his bank account. The mother had saved the money to finance her stay in a retirement home.

An unusual feature of these abuse cases is that the person responsible is dependent on the victim for financial reasons, she said. A form of mental cruelty is to threaten to confine the parent to a nursing home if certain action is not taken.

A Manitoba study in 1982 showed that financial abuse against the elderly accounted for 40% of cases, mental abuse for 37% and physical abuse, 23%. In the age bracket 80 to 84, 67% of the abused were women. Nearly one-quarter of the cases were the result of abuse by an unrelated care giver. Other percentages of abusers were: sons, 23; daughters, 21; husbands, 16; wives, 4.

A 1986 Boston study came up with the statistic that the abuse rate was no higher for people over 75 than under 75, Colvin said. There were no differences on account of race, creed or color and 58% of the abusers were spouses and 24% adult children.

If criminal charges are warranted, such as in the case of the mother bilked of $14,000, they should be laid, Colvin said, as research has shown that the laying of charges is often a good deterrent.

There should be more short-term shelter available for elderly victims of abuse, she said. "We don't need a whole lot of new laws to protect the elderly. The laws are already in place, but they are not being used. Going to court can be stressful, but it is worth it."

For further information about the project, call Reta Duenisch or Sheila Zane, coordinator, 225-2112.

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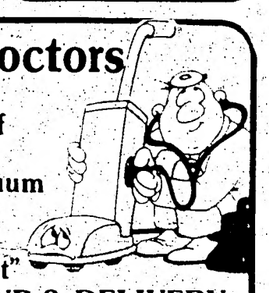

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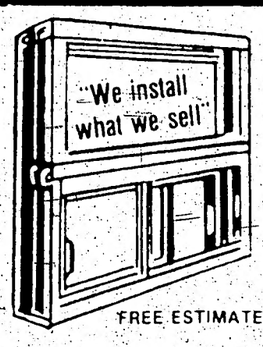

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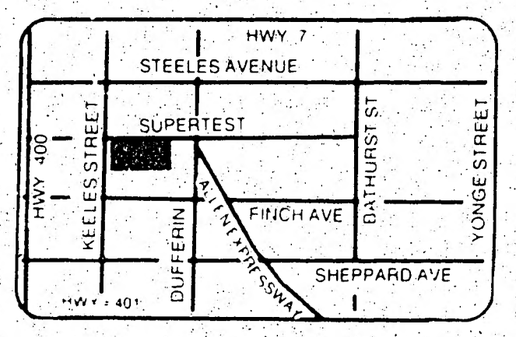

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Parliament of The Jewish People: An Idea Whose Time Has Come?

A SYMPOSIUM

by William Abrams

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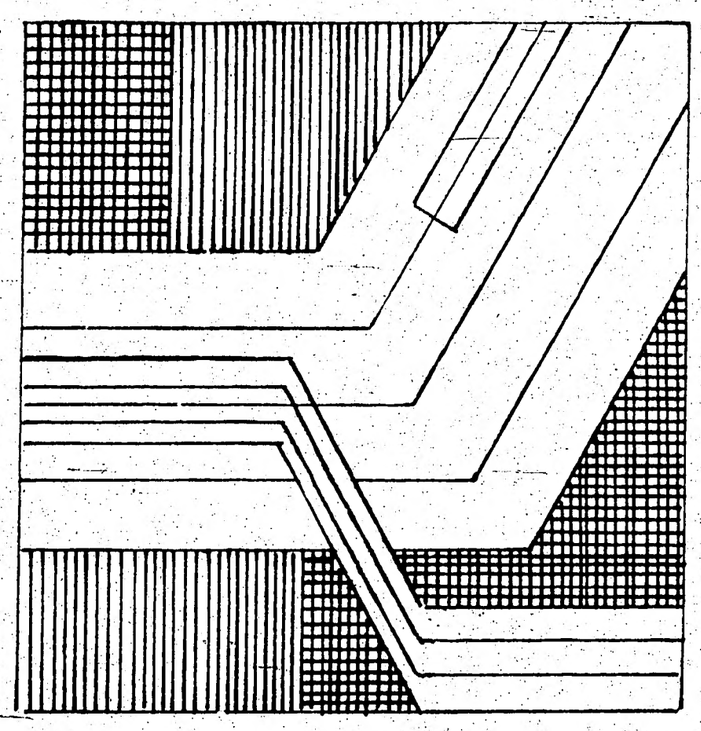
ALL of us who are involved in community organizations have experienced the truth of the saying: "Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come". Comments on the recently concluded 31st World Zionist Organization Plenary in Jerusalem have now come in from around the world, and they are almost uniformly negative, ranging from demands for a complete restructuring of the organization to predictions of its imminent demise. One example only among many that can be cited, is the headline given to a long report on the Congress in the "Jewish World", of Long Island, one of the better American Anglo-Jewish newspapers: The 31st WZO Plenary — Too Little and Too Late. Unfortunately, suggestions offered at the Congress on how to restore the rapidly declining prestige of the WZO were mostly retreads of old ideas such as "streamlining the organizational structure to reduce the top-heavy bureaucracy", or "increased Zionist education to stimulate Aliyah". None of these ideas resonated among the delegates because of a (largely unspoken) conviction that what Zionism urgently needs today is not only new organizational structures (which it does) but new objectives. Only one idea that kept surfacing throughout the rowdy and often acrimonious debates seemed to offer new objectives: the idea that the WZO should transform itself into a "Parliament of the Jewish People". Even though the idea was never properly debated or analyzed, it appears to have taken root in the minds of many delegates, and is now appearing in discussions in many disparate quarters throughout the Jewish world. Readers of *Viewpoints* will have noted in our January issue that three articles reflecting on the Congress by spokesmen for separate blocs within the CZF independently advanced this same notion. The latest issue of *Tikkun*, a new and important intellectual journal published in California contains an article by two observers, Reena Bernards and Gordon Fellman which begins with the following statement: "As two American observers at the thirty-first Congress of the World Zionist Organization, we were struck less by its bureaucratic clumsiness, its tedious rhetoric, and its frustrating infighting, than by its potential as a democratic world parliament of the Jewish people."

Eliezer Jaffe, Professor of Social Work at the Hebrew University, who has been strongly critical of the WZO and Jewish Agency, writing in the same issue of *Tikkun*, concludes a long letter with the statement that: "The only organization that comes even close to providing an international arena to discuss Israel's future is the WZO."

All of this points to two conclusions: first, reports of the imminent demise of the WZO are greatly exaggerated; second, the time has come to discuss seriously whether a new role for the WZO as the Parliament of the Jewish people is indeed an idea whose time has come, or is merely a rhetorical flourish.

A serious exploration of the ramifications of this concept must cover all aspects both of the Zionist philosophy and of the complex organizational structures that have been erected on it. This is a formidable task requiring painstaking research and analysis, which cannot be covered in a brief article. What follows is merely an effort to stimulate debate but is, I think, sufficient to indicate the truly revolutionary consequences such an idea brings in its train.



The Democratic Character Of The WZO

The first argument adduced in favour of the WZO as a Jewish Parliament is that it is the only international Jewish body whose delegates are democratically elected by Jewish communities around the world. This is true, with one glaring exception: Israel itself. The Israeli delegates who comprise 38% of the total are not elected; they are appointed by the various political parties in proportion to the representation of each party in the Knesset. Obviously, if the WZO is to be a true Parliament, Israeli delegates would have to stand for election by the Israeli public, as do all other delegates.

Only when one attends a Plenary session in Jerusalem does the importance of such a change become apparent. The Israeli delegates, through the control they exercise over the adherents to their political parties from the Diaspora, have in the past controlled the various Congresses. When a delegation from a Diaspora community arrives at the Congress, it immediately splits up into its component parties. Each bloc sits with its own political party and votes as it is instructed to do by the Israeli delegates who act as party whips. The only parties at the recent convention not controlled by Israeli whips were, Mercaz (Conservative), Arza (Reform) and the Hadassah representatives. These formed a coalition with Labour Zionists to vote together on certain key issues and as a result, for the first time, a WZO Congress slipped out of Israeli control. The realization of this fact contributed to the turmoil and rowdyism that so seriously marred the last Congress.

Bloc Structure Within WZO Outmoded

If the notion of popularly elected Israeli delegates is accepted as the first step in the transformation to a Jewish Parliament, a revolutionary change in the direction of WZO would begin to take place. I use the term "begin", because separation of the WZO from the internal politics of Israel, would logically require a second step: the rethinking of the objectives of a Jewish Parliament, beyond classical Zionist ideology. Even an independent thinker like Eliezer Jaffe, being an Israeli, cannot take this second logical step. If he did, he would have written: the only organization that ever comes close to providing an arena to discuss *the future of the Jewish people* (not only Israel's future) is the WZO. Only a moment's reflection is required to realize that the constituency of a World Parliament for the Jewish people would be the Jews throughout the whole world and not only in Israel. Therefore the key subdivisions of such a Parliament would be the blocs of Israel and Diaspora representatives, and not the artificial and outmoded political blocs in the present national Zionist Federations which mirror the political divisions within Israel.

The necessity of eliminating political blocs within the WZO has been promoted by many veteran Zionists. In Canada the last president of CZF, Neri Bloomfield, and the current president, David Azrieli, have both called for this change. Even they, however, have not fully grasped the implications of the most recent development within the Zionist world: the emergence of two new religious — and not political — blocs, Mercaz and Arza, who now join the Mizrachi, as three major groups within the WZO. It is interesting that the significance of this development is recognized by astute observers in Israel itself. Charles Hoffman, in a long article in the *Jerusalem Post* which appeared on the day after the Congress closed, concluded his (again mostly negative) assessment of the proceedings by hailing the arrival of Mercaz and Arza in significant numbers at the Congress as the only positive development in current Zionist history.

Religious vs. Secular Zionism

The truly significant divisions within Zionist ideology today, religious Zionism and secular Zionism, stem from the very inception of Zionism itself. Herzl's vision represented secular Zionism and envisioned the objective of the Jewish State as the answer to anti-semitism and the "normalization" of the Jewish condition. Secular Zionists established the Jewish State, by their idealism, effort and courage, but they could not have succeeded had they not tapped into a tidal wave of emotion that resulted from twenty centuries of religious tradition which enshrined in its daily prayers the longing for a return to Zion. This enabled the Zionist leaders to evoke from world Jewry a surge of moral and financial support for the Zionist cause that eventually led to success. What was overlooked in the rush of events was that the objective of religious Zionism was not the normalization, but the sanctification of the Jewish people: the creation within Israel of a society that would realize the Biblical vision of a "kingdom of priests and a holy nation". This dichotomy, which has lain dormant throughout the traumatic events of the last forty years, has now surfaced again with the emergence of

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

THIS issue features a wide-ranging symposium on the concept of a new role for the World Zionist Organization as: The Parliament of the Jewish People. This idea surfaced at the WZO Congress last December and appears to have resonated in various quarters of the world Jewish community. An article by myself exploring the concept was circulated to our Editorial Board and Contributing Editors and evoked a number of (to put it mildly) lively responses. My article and six responses take up the major portion of our issue.

The normal practice in such endeavours is for the writer to be given space to respond to the critiques offered. I forego this privilege since it would take the rest of the issue to respond in detail. My original purpose, which was to stimulate discussion of the idea has been amply fulfilled. I content myself with the observation that there seems to be almost unanimous agreement that the WZO badly needs revitalization if its slide into irrelevance is to be reversed, but none of the critics of my article offer alternative suggestions as to how this revitalization is to be achieved.

I now invite our readers to join the fray and react to the wide variety of opinions expressed. What is required, I feel, is more light and less heat on this most critical of questions.

Abraham Rzepkowicz uses the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the State of Israel to recall poignant memories of the visit of Golda Meier to Moscow in 1948 as the first official representative of the newly established State. We tend to forget that the USSR was the first country to recognize Israel; but the tremendous surge of emotion from Russian Jewry evoked by the visit, obviously frightened the ruling clique at that time, and may explain their cautiousness in the discussions about resuming diplomatic relations with Israel now in progress.

Harold Waller has contributed a perceptive article on the mystery surrounding the so-called secret meeting between Canadian Jews and Arabs that took place recently in Montebello, Quebec. He offers his conclusions as to the motivation behind this unusual initiative by the Department of External Affairs.

Our issue concludes with two poems by Dr. Shel Krakofsky, a frequent contributor to these pages.

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the three powerful religious blocs within the WZO.

These three blocs must be maintained within an emerging Jewish Parliament. The tension arising from the permanent dichotomy between the twin concepts of Judaism as being both a people and a religion gives vitality to Jewish life and can breathe this new life into the WZO. This vitality can be seen in North America where we have religious pluralism, under which the three denominations compete actively and democratically both with each other and with secularism, for adherence to their visions of Judaism. The result is that well over 50% of Jews are formally affiliated with congregations and many others view themselves as religious but without affiliation. In Israel, Jews have been offered only two choices: to be *'dati'* (orthodox) and *'lo-dati'* (secular) and the Orthodox, because of their political clout as the 'balance of power' bloc in the Knesset, have attempted to coerce the secular Israelis into adhering to public Orthodox ritual, and have prevented Conservative and Reform rabbis from functioning as rabbis. The antagonism to Orthodoxy resulting from this coercion can be seen in the present polarization within Israeli society, now threatening to escalate into physical violence.

Proposed Structure and Objectives of a Jewish Parliament

It is now obvious that Mercaz and Arza are rapidly growing blocs within the WZO because of their large and stable congregational membership and increasing presence within Israel itself, as evidenced by the growing number of their congregation in Israel. The issue of religious pluralism will therefore remain at the top of the agenda of a proposed Jewish Parliament. A resolution endorsing religious pluralism was passed at the WZO Congress but must be adopted by the Knesset itself in order to take effect. For this to happen, the debate on this question must continue and even increase in intensity.

When these considerations are contrasted with the role played in the WZO by the old-line Zionist blocs within the ed the Knesset
party alignments for the last forty years, the reasons for their diminishing prestige leading to calls for their elimination within the WZO becomes apparent. These secular Zionist blocs had relevance before 1948, when the political and economic shape of the future state was a matter of passionate debate between Zionists. After 1948 these questions became the concern of the Israeli Knesset and citizens and not of the WZO. The one important area where Israel did look to them for serious assistance was the stimulation of Aliyah and here, despite massive infusions of funds, the results have been minimal. All of this leads to the conclusion that a viable structure for a projected Jewish Parliament should be only four parties: the three religious and one secular party.

The objectives of the Parliament should be threefold: first, organizing and channeling assistance in all its forms to Israel from world Jewry; second, mediating internal tensions between Jews within Israel now reaching alarming proportions; third, preserving the unity of world Jewry by providing a forum for parliamentary debate between democratically elected representatives. It should be clearly understood at the outset that the Jewish Parliament would not intervene in what might be called the "Israeli" aspects of the State: economic and political questions, military security and foreign policy. Individual Diaspora Jews, because of their deep concern for the welfare and safety of the State will, of course, express their individual opinions, but such matters have no place on the agenda of the Jewish Parliament containing a majority of Diaspora Jews.

However, an important digression is necessary at this point to deal with a question which is particularly vexing today because of the turmoil on the West Bank and Gaza: by what standards of behaviour should Israeli policies be judged? The distinction we have made between "Israeli" and "Jewish" activities is helpful in formulating an answer. "Israeli" activities, as we have defined them, being the normal actions of any sovereign state, should be judged by exactly the same standards as are applied to any other sovereign state engaged in "realpolitik". There should be no question of Israel being expected to live up to a "higher morality" in, for example, its treatment of rioting Arabs, than any other state has practiced when faced with similar problems.

Since Israel declares itself to be the centre of Jewish life throughout the world, where the "Jewish" aspects of Israeli life are concerned the religious Jews of all persuasions throughout the world, *and only the Jews*, have a right to expect that the Jewish State which they helped to bring into the world, and are committed to assist to the utmost of their ability, should strive to build a society whose internal policies exemplify the age-old dream of religious Jews everywhere: to become a "Kingdom of priests and a holy nation". This matter belongs on the agenda of the Jewish Parliament.

Internal Tensions Within Jewry

It is time to recognize clearly that two areas of serious tension exist within the Jewish world, raising the threat of polarization. The first area, the tension between secular and Orthodox Israelis is the subject of continuous discussion and debate both in the WZO and in Israel itself. For example, in the April 18 issue of *Maclean's* magazine Abba Eban is quoted as saying: "Israel is a great celebration of resilience and vitality; but I enter this fifth decade (of Israel's existence) in very somber mood because, although we show great progress in every material, economic and quantitative sense, we are in very deep confusion about our structure and values". It is precisely this point which should form one of the principal items on the agenda of a Jewish Parliament. The structures and values of Israel are a fundamental concern not only to Israelis but to all of world Jewry. The resolution of this issue will not only effect social peace within Israel; it will inevitably affect both Aliyah and financial support from Diaspora Jews who must see in Israeli society a reflection of their own visions of a restored homeland if they are to continue whole-hearted support in all areas. The place to achieve a consensus on this problem will obviously be the Jewish Parliament.

The promise of relief from the tension between secular and Orthodox Israelis was advanced by both Mercaz and Arza during the debates on religious pluralism; both parties contended that the choice of religious options they provided would bridge the gulf now yawning between the two groups who are at opposite poles of the Jewish religious spectrum. The weight of this argument helped to persuade the WZO to approve the resolution but, as has been indicated, this debate will continue until the resolution is passed by the Knesset itself.

Unfortunately, the second area, the tension between Israeli and Diaspora Jews has not hitherto been squarely faced nor properly analyzed, because of the desire to preserve at least a facade of unity to the world. It is an open secret that in Israel, Zionism is almost a term of contempt. For Israelis, Zionism means only one thing: Aliyah, which they feel that the Zionists have failed to deliver. The massive funds that Diaspora Jews pour into Israel each year are viewed as a poor substitute for the primary obligation Israelis feel world Jewry has towards Israel, which is simply to come and live there. Although the words "conscience money" are not spoken, they express the inner feelings of many Israelis. Conversely Diaspora Jewry is becoming increasingly exasperated at the denigration of the Jewish quality of Diaspora life which is inherent in the classic Zionist policy: first the establishment of the State, second, "the ingathering of the exiles", which implies the early disappearance of the Diaspora. Despite the efforts of the Israeli leaders to tone down this denigration by the many emissaries from Israel who appear before Diaspora audiences — because they now realize that it is counterproductive — very few Israeli speakers are able to eliminate it entirely from their presentations.

There is really only one solution to this Israel-Diaspora tension, and it is being broached, albeit gingerly, in Diaspora circles. It is an acceptance by Israeli Jews of the fact that the Jewish Diaspora will

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Response

by Eugene and Rhoda Kaellis

WE were privileged to read and be asked to contribute our views on the article by William Abrams appearing in this issue, "Is a Parliament of the Jewish People an Idea Whose Time has Come?" We agree with and therefore will not comment on the observations and critique of the World Zionist Organization, but only on the proposal for a Parliament.

Abrams suggests that the three objectives for this Parliament would be: assistance to Israel, mediation among Israeli Jews with the hope of resolving disputes on "Jewish issues", and providing a forum for Israeli and Diaspora Jewry. We believe two of these objectives are already being met, i.e., assistance to Israel and international debate among Jews. The third, mediation, cannot, in our opinion, be effective in Israel if it originates in the Diaspora.

Fund-raising for Israel is characterized by redundancy, parochialization, competition, and a certain amount of inefficiency, some of which is ideological in origin, some historical, some subjective and personal. Yet it is difficult to see how the highly problematic creation of still one more international structure would erase any of these problems or contribute to greater efficiency and effectiveness.

Forums Already Exist

Tried and tested international forums are already in place. They consist of periodicals, books, speeches, and national and international conferences which permit the dissemination and evaluation of diverse views. Some issues are ignored or not considered adequately (we have in mind proselytizing in response to the dim demographic outlook for Jewry), but there is no reason to suppose that views presently excluded from the instruments of this forum or rendered marginal would be given greater exposure or more effectively translated into action in a Parliament no matter how useful and important they are. The Jewish Establishment of whatever ideological bent would exert just as much influence in Parliamentary elections as it presently does in international organizations and Jewish media.

Jews whose interest or livelihood demands an understanding of what is going on in world Jewry already have access to these instruments, and it is hard to see how formalizing a debating environment would improve the present system significantly. Even if it were a totally democratically-elected body, a world Jewish Parliament would reflect the same divergence of established views and generate the same tension which presently exists in, for example, the WZO.

Those who support religious pluralism in Israel should, of course, exert every effort to persuade the Israeli government that its institutionalization of Orthodoxy as the religion of Israeli Jews and its incorporation into civil law of those aspects of *halacha* governing personal relationships (marriage, divorce, etc.) is not only out of step with the growth of liberal democracy in Israel, it is counterproductive in attracting adherents to Judaism within Israel and immigrants to Israel from the West. But mediating between secular and religion-affiliated Jews and among Jewish denominations in Israel is certainly a job for Israelis themselves, if for no other reason than it is an impractical if not impossible task for individuals or organizations outside the state to attempt to set policy when they do not experience the problems directly and would not have to live with the consequences of their decisions should they be put into effect.

Potential Specter of "Dual Loyalty"

To have Diaspora Jews elect representatives to a World Jewish Parliament would, moreover, provoke the cry of "dual loyalty" already being raised in the press. At times it is necessary for Diaspora Jews to subject themselves to this accusation and accept the risks involved in order to perform essential and worthwhile functions, but we believe the presumed benefits derived from a World Jewish Parliament do not justify these risks.

If the proposed World Jewish Parliament is, at least in part, an effort to heal the breach between Israel and the Disapora, we believe it cannot succeed. While recent events have focused attention on what is described as a "rift" between Diaspora Jewry and Israel, the separation is much deeper than that created by differing policies regarding the Occupied Territories. The separation is, in our opinion, an inevitable consequence of profound, and growing differences in circumstances and culture. While Israel displays many elements of a Western liberal culture, in peace or war it unavoidably interpenetrates with surrounding Middle Eastern cultures. Evidence of cross-fertilization on both sides, Israeli and Arab, is already obvious. At the same time Diaspora Jews cannot and, we believe, should not resist acculturation in their own societies. This, we must emphasize, is not the same as assimilation. An American Jew can still be a *bona fide* Jew, but he will differ from a *bona fide* French, Russian, or Israeli Jew.

These are the "practical" considerations which entered into our negative view. We also have "philosophical" objections.

Philosophical Objections

In all political, economic, cultural, and scientific thinking there are both unifying and diversifying forces which seem to rest on a universal and fundamental dichotomy. Immediately after the Second World War a worldwide movement toward unity, which had been developing for some time, gained momentum. The lethal divisions of the war inclined people and nations toward a unifying, healing, wholistic modality. Its paramount expression was the United Nations which some saw as a step on the road to world government.

Reality, however, is invariably different from theory or idealistic hopes. There has been a proliferation of nation-states in Africa and Asia, and nationalism seems to have replaced everything else as the most dominant and enduring world force. The near-monolithic major power blocs show increasingly greater fragmentation and variegation. This dis-unifying trend has resulted in fractiousness, war, political schisms, and separatist movements and is understandably threatening, but the unifying trend, when it is in the ascendancy, also creates a constellation of calamities: enforced uniformity (which may involve violence), suppression or ignoring of dissent, dullness, stagnation and pretense.

In our opinion, many of the problems of Western society today would be alleviated by greater local autonomy, both politically, economically and culturally. National and international conglomerates and connections have so complicated the causal network that it is increasingly difficult to predict the outcome of any government action. Since freedom is based on the power to achieve desired goals, and power rests on the supposition that an action taken will have a reasonably predictable outcome, the existence of this complicated network of causality deprives governments and individuals of freedom. The same basic considerations would apply to the Jewish people. Another international organization, particularly one with some sort of presumed parliamentary function could add yet another stratum to an already complicated plethora of organized structures.

Therefore, while recognizing some of the problems which diversity, variegation, and fractiousness in Jewry create, we believe that right now the attempt to create greater unity through a World Jewish Parliament, even if it were feasible, would be an essentially retrogressive step.

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Response

by Frederick Krantz

This writer used the term "Parliament of the Jewish People" in the last issue of Viewpoints *as a metaphor for the World Zionist Congress. Abrams applies the term literally, to a restructured Congress which would, in fact, negate Zionism's Israel-centered basis. On "rowdiness and turmoil" and democratic process, we agree; on the revival of "Diaspora autonomism", we part company.*

WILLIAM Abrams proposes that the World Zionist Congress be transformed into a Diaspora-based "Parliament of the Jewish People". Paradoxically, his well-intentioned article illustrates his own observation, that sometimes "History has its own dynamic which is beyond human control."

Wanting — fair enough — to "revitalize" Zionism, Abrams winds up proposing a variant of traditional anti-Zionist "Diaspora nationalism" which would mean the destruction of Zionism. Surely this was not his intention. His proposals are designed to stimulate discussion, yet one nevertheless senses that they may well reflect the yearnings of many Diaspora Jews today. This is as significant, and as unsettling, as the views themselves.

His plan, if ever adopted, would repeat the tragic history of earlier forms of Diaspora autonomism — division of the Jewish People, its inability to unite in the face of sustained crisis, and, hence, its very viability and existence thrown into doubt.

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not be eliminated in the foreseeable future; it is here to stay. Furthermore, it is a continuing source of strength for Jewish life and for support for Israel. To realize the truth of this assertion, one need only ask oneself this question: if no Jews were living in the USA today, and no Jewish lobby operating daily in Washington, how much US financial and military assistance would Israel be getting?

Recognition of the Permanence of the Diaspora

This concept of a permanent Diaspora entails a further revolution in Zionist ideology. The recognition of the complementary roles of Israel and Diaspora in assuring a Jewish future negates the primary Zionist tenet which begins the Jerusalem Platform: the statement that Israel is the center of Jewish life. The implication, of course, is that it is the only center of Jewish life. Acceptance of the idea of a permanent Diaspora which will obviously be another center of Jewish life, leads inevitably to the further conclusion that the time has come for a redefinition of Zionism itself.

Almost one hundred years have passed since the inception of the Zionist Movement and we cannot escape the fact that history has its own dynamic which is beyond human control. The incredible upheavals, both for evil and for good, that have taken place in Jewish history in this century cannot be undone, and Zionism must adapt to the new realities or continue its slide into irrelevance. Such an idea will undoubtedly be considered by adherents of classical Zionist ideology to be not only revolutionary but heretical. Nevertheless, the only hope, in my view, for a revitalized WZO lies in the acceptance of the new reality of the complementary roles of Israel and the Diaspora. Each needs the other.

As a basis for discussion, what follows is one attempt at a redefinition of Zionism, which might serve as a substitute for the Jerusalem Platform in an application for membership in the WZO:

> As a Zionist, I commit myself to work for the preservation and enhancement of the unity, security, political freedom, material welfare and moral and spiritual quality of Jewish life throughout the world. I accept a particular responsibility for the welfare of Israel which represents the triumphant culmination of two thousand years of striving for the re-establishment of a Jewish State in our ancestral homeland. I will actively encourage Aliyah to Israel and pledge financial support for Israel through the United Israel Appeal and Keren Hayesod. I wish to participate in the democratic elections of representatives of world Jewry to the WZO, which as the Parliament of the Jewish People will be the instrument for the achievement of our Zionist objectives.

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Abrams is concerned above all with what he terms "religious" issues. He perceives a "secular"-"religious" split and Orthodox "coercion" (vis-à-vis the Reform and Conservative movements) in Israel, and Israeli "denigration" of Diaspora Jewish life because of its failed response to Zionism's call for Aliyah. These issues should be of concern to Diaspora Jews, Abrams holds, because they in turn "must see in Israeli society a reflection of *their* own visions of a restored homeland if they are to *continue* wholehearted support in all areas" (my emphasis).

Two Major Radical Proposals Suggested

To counter such Diaspora unease, Abrams makes two major, related, propositions. First, transform the World Zionist Congress into a true "parliament of the Jewish People", with four electoral groupings: Arza (Reform), Mercaz (Conservative), Mizrachi (Orthodox), and a fourth, somewhat shadowy wing he terms "Secular" (presumably everybody in Israel and the Diaspora who is not formally "religious"). Such an elected Congress would, by definition, have "a majority of Diaspora Jews".

This "Parliament" would deal with all aspects of "Jewish" life within and without Israel, save for what Abrams rather disingenuously terms the "Israeli" dimension of the Jewish State — its direct economic, political, and military policies. (The implications of this "division of labor" will be noted below.)

Abrams' second radical proposal, which he sees as the "only . . . solution" to Israel-Diaspora tension, issues from "acceptance of the fact that the Jewish Diaspora . . . is here to stay" and recognition of the "complementary roles of Israel and Diaspora in assuring a Jewish future". But from these seeming commonplaces he draws the extreme conclusion that what is required is the *negation* of "the primary Zionist tenet which begins the Jerusalem Platform: the statement that Israel is the center of Jewish life". There will now be "another [permanent] center", its general dominance over Jewish life enshrined in Abrams' Congress-as-Parliament.

Underlying Attitudes Not New

There is nothing new in the attitudes underlying Abrams' proposals. Opposition to Zionism's vision of the necessity for and centrality of a reborn Jewish Homeland/State in Palestine was voiced by many groups from Zionism's inception onward. European Jewish liberal-assimilationists, Jewish Diaspora nationalist (or territorialist, or autonomist) movements, the Bund's socialist anti-Zionism, and the various pre-1948 forms of North American Jewish anti- (or non-State-) Zionism, all took similar stances towards what Zionism today terms "the centrality of Israel within the Jewish People".

The European Jewish anti-Zionist movements vanished, tragically, in the Holocaust (although some, like the Bund, still exercise an indirect ideological afterglow). In North America, we tend to forget that, despite the profound shift marked by 1948, "Zionism", expressed even minimally as a proudly pro-Israel attitude, did not become dominant until the 1967 Six Day War. Then both the demonstration that another genocide, with the world once again standing idly by, was indeed possible, and the miracle of Israel's victory, created a new Diaspora attitude. Today, once again, the somewhat mythic North American "Zionist" consensus seems in danger of unravelling.

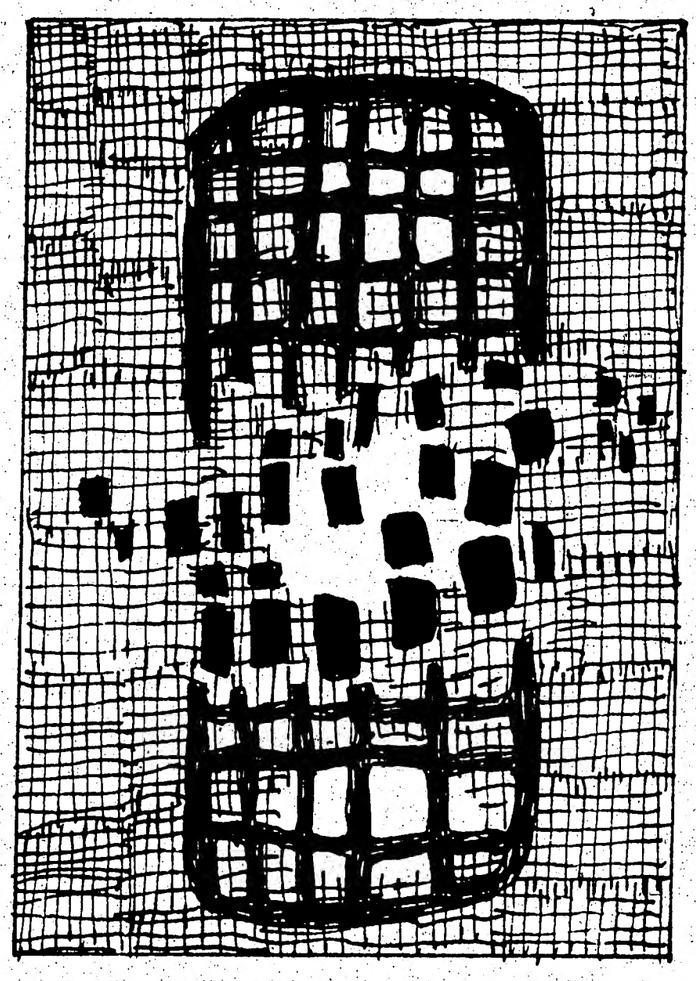
Abrams' replacement of Israel's centrality within Zionism by a permanent Diaspora dominance within a world Jewish "Parliament", must be seen in the present crisis context. It is telling that, for Abrams, precisely "the issue of *religious pluralism*" (my emphasis) dominates his proposed Parliament's agenda.

That he consistently misreads both Judaism and Zionism in terms of a supposed "religious" versus "secular" split is not unrelated to his Diaspora perspective. Judaism — unlike Christianity — has never been "dualistic", has never separated "body and soul", "Church and State", "religion" and "politics". In Judaism, the *mitzvoth* are inextricably "social" *and* "spiritual", and define a *community*, a People bound up by both Torah and Land. A "particular" People in a specific place is charged by God to implement a "universal" Redemption in the world.

Surely, the religious Zionists who, before and after 1948, fought to establish and to defend the Jewish polity, would be as surprised to discover that they had sacrificed for a "secular" state, as the "secular" Ben-Gurion would have been to learn that Zionist "normalization" in Israel meant only a kind of Middle East Sweden populated by non-"Jewish" Jews.

The point is that Zionism's inextricably interrelated "religious" and "secular" components, no more than Judaism's, cannot be artificially separated. Zionism was, and is, a profoundly Jewish movement, just as Israel — in its founding documents, juridical structure, and every-day existence — is not simply a modern "secular" state, but a modern *Jewish* state.

Abrams' "religious" misreading, which defines his sense of political issues and his proposed solutions, is conditioned by a North American experience of "Church-State" separation and, somewhat paradoxically, by the assimilationist experience of some sectors of "liberal" North American Judaism. It is connected to older, pre-Zionist, pre-Holocaust (and, one had thought, discredited) assimilationist notions expressed in formulations like "Germans of the Mosaic faith", "Israelites of the French nation" (and, for that matter, "Canadians of the Hebrew faith") — all of which expressed not only a dis-ease with Zionism, but with the very notion of Jewish Peoplehood and its



rootedness in the Land (and, today, the State) of Israel.

Abrams' Diaspora-centered "cure" for "Israeli" resistance to "religious pluralism" is far worse than the illness at which it is aimed. His call for what he terms a revitalization of Zionism portends, in fact, its destruction. He would, because few non-Orthodox Diaspora Jews make Aliyah and many Israelis (quite rightly, from their threatened perspective) resent us for this, give up the goal of Aliyah entirely. He would create, because of Orthodox "coercion" in Israel and what he sees as an Israel-weighted imbalance in the World Zionist Congress, an "unpolitical" Jewish "Parliament". Yet his "unpolitical" Parliament would, in turn, ensure both Diaspora "Jewish" hegemony without, and Diaspora-style religious "pluralism" within, Israel.

Unity Would Be Shattered

Such "revitalization", far from enhancing unity, would shatter it. It would marginalize Israel, the most dynamic element in Jewish life today, and split the Jewish People into two (or more — for there is not only one Diaspora, after all) unequal parts. Thus Abrams would ensure the continuity of precisely what we must, in fact, overcome, what he terms "the *permanent* dichotomy between the twin concepts of Judaism as . . . both a people [Israel] and a religion [Diaspora]" (my emphasis).

The formulation is breath-taking both in its misplaced literalness and in the violence it does to the historical meaning of "the Jewish People". And precisely here the *psychological* dimensions of the proposal, its links to the current, conflictual state of Diaspora-Israel relations, become clear.

For Diaspora Jews would, in this scenario, leave messy politics to the "Israelis". Their actions, Abrams notes, would be judged not by "Jewish" standards of becoming a "Kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (which is what, oddly, he noted earlier the Diaspora wants from Israel!), but by the *Realpolitik* applicable to "any other sovereign state". Given this, the Israelis' "universalist" Diaspora cousins could then presumably attend, undisturbed and with clean hands, to their own, essentially unpolitical, "religious" concerns (again, the "Canadians of the Hebrew faith" theme).

As Abrams states, "There should be no question of Israel being expected to live up to a 'higher morality' . . . than any other state". But precisely why someone so concerned with Jewish "religious" values should be so ready to have the Jewish State give up the Biblical and Rabbinic vision of a "Holy *Nation*", and the Zionist vision of a "normalization" suffused with Jewish moral-ethical values, is puzzling. Yet — to put it perhaps uncharitably — the sigh of relief is almost audible: let them do the dirty work; let them crush the Palestinians; we will not be responsible (or — better — held responsible?).

Such a vision is both Jewishly and generally repugnant. Religious "pluralism" in Israel (and galloping assimilationism in North America), like Diaspora resistance to *Aliyah* (and the Diaspora's attraction to *yordim*) are real issues. So too are continuing Arab rejectionism and PLO terror, the impact of the constant threat of war on ordinary Israeli men, women and children (who after all do the fighting, and the dying). We can add to the list Holocaust denial, media delegitimation of Israel, and professedly Jewish groups seemingly preferring Yassir Arafat and the PLO's vision of peace, recognition and negotiation to that of Israel's democratically-elected Government.

Zionist Revitalization Needed

These, and other, problems need to be addressed by a Zionist movement which, indeed, does itself need "revitalization". But the goal of such renewal must, above all and especially today, be the ensuring and the maintainance of Jewish unity. This overriding goal cannot be effected by the revival, however unconscious, of a Diaspora nationalism or autonomism dressed up in a smarmy "religious" universalism and expressed by an "unpolitical" Jewish Parliament with a very real political agenda.

Finally, Abrams' proposal resonates with an increasingly wide-spread Jewish confusion about, and in some circles resentment of, Israel's policies in relation to the "uprising" and to the "peace process" generally. This confusion, no doubt reflective of Israeli differences, is fed by the media, and for the last six months has gone largely un-addressed by our Jewish organizations — whose own leadership may well be split. If this leadership vacuum continues, however, we run the risk that current confusions will harden into internal divisions within the Jewish community, lay and organized. (The political consequences of such division are already manifest in community concern over the secret Government-sponsored Arab-Jewish meetings at Montebello.)

In the face of the current, on-going crisis, conscious Jews ("religious" or "secular") must engage in the fundamental Jewish task of *remembering*. We must remember Jewish history, and must not repeat its tragic mistakes. We must remember that, once again, what is at stake is not merely the well-being of one or another Israeli political party or Diaspora religious grouping, but Israel, the Jewish State which is, inescapably and thankfully, the center of modern Jewish life. If recent Jewish history has taught us anything, it is that we Jews, wherever we are, are one People, and that our Jewish fate, in the Diaspora(s) and in Israel, is inextricably intertwined. This is a lesson we forget at our peril.

What we need at this critical juncture, are not proposals, however well-meant, that would divide us further, but leadership and determined action to ensure — even as we address the real problems that legitimately concern us — that our politically and morally indispensable Jewish unity is not further eroded. In this regard we would all do well to recall the lines — are they "secular" or "religious"? — of Israel's 1948 Declaration of Independence (fifth of Iyar, 5708/14 May 1948):

> The Land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish People. Here their spiritual, religious and national identity was formed. Here they achieved independence and created a culture of national and universal significance. Here they wrote and gave the Bible to the world.
>
> Our call goes out to the Jewish people all over the world to rally to our side in the task of immigration and development, and to stand by us in the great struggle for the fulfillment of the dream of generations for the redemption of Israel.

Response

by Rabbi Meyer Krentzman

WILLIAM Abrams states that Mercaz, Arza, and Hadassah reps were not controlled by Israeli whips, yet the coalition with Labor achieved precisely this effect on most key issues, the reverse being true in only one instance i.e. the resolution on religious pluralism. The absorption of these three diaspora movements into the party politics he describes was not only evident but exceeded previous Congress norms. To me, this phenomenon may prove to negate his subsequent praise, the assessment of Charles Hoffman of the "only positive development in Zionist history". It is precisely the politicization of the new blocs that must somehow be prevented if the objectives he enunciates are ever to be fulfilled.

While Abrams sees the promise of relief from the tension between secular and Orthodox Israelis advanced by Mercaz and Arza through the debates on religious pluralism, others contend that to the contrary, this not only fails to achieve this result, but creates an additional tension for Israelis having been heretofore kept within the boundaries of North America. Although American Jews have found ways to find cooperative vehicles to unite within the general Christian society, there is extreme resistance to transporting such models to the Jewish State precisely because it is quintessentially Jewish. His feeling that the religious pluralism model of North America should be emulated in Israel in a serious and meaningful way, is viewed by many, religious and secular, as an "Americanization" of the State in the least desirable arena and may thus be the source of aspersions being cast on the very Zionist nature of Mercaz and Arza.

More specifically, many question the motivations of these bodies as working through a Zionist mask to achieve full religious acceptance in Israel, as a means unnecessary in North America but politically astute for Israel.

The only true Zionist expression which would counteract such aspersions and thus provide a demonstrative proof of sincerity, thus permitting the objectives of his paper to be realized by those very individuals who cast these aspersions, would be a significantly major aliya by the leaders and adherents of these religious blocs, at the very least in proportion to the Orthodox and secular Zionists.

Otherwise, I fear that his own assessment, "such an idea will undoubtedly be considered by adherents of classical Zionist ideology to be not only revolutionary but heretical" will be the correct conclusion.

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Response

by Rabbi Dow Marmur

BASHING the World Zionist Organization (WZO) is a popular pastime in the contemporary Jewish world. Let us therefore, attempt to identify some of the sources of this multi-faceted barrage. Since I intend to be blunt, I can only speak for myself. None of the organizations with which I am associated should be held responsible for the opinions expressed; they are mine and mine alone.

The first source of attack on the WZO comes from Israelis. They are justifiably irritated by the periodic visitations by *machers* from abroad who give *etzes* to Israelis while living well — at times on Zionist salaries — elsewhere. Israelis don't mind the funds collected — although they insist that they prefer *olim* to dollars — and they are happy with visitors — for it is good for the tourist trade — but they find the pomposity and the meddling irritating. Whenever I am in Israel for a Zionist Congress, or a meeting of the General Council of the WZO, I avoid my Israeli friends and relatives: I cannot bear their taunts, especially since I agree with many of them.

A second line of attack comes from the fundraisers, men and women convinced that money talks louder than ideas. They are therefore, often annoyed by the professional speech-makers who filibuster meetings which they attend thanks to subsidies from the fundraisers. For a long time the so-called non-Zionists who comprise half of the Jewish Agency have tolerated the WZO, which constitutes the other half, as a kind of loss leader, an ideological facade that covers up the sins of the past and the inadequacies of the present.

There are signs, however, that the *ba'laey meah*, the donors of the hundreds and the millions of dollars, are getting impatient with the *ba'aley deah*, the men and women of predictable opinions, in the firm belief that the former, by definition, have the right to own the latter. There are indications that Mendel Kaplan, the new dynamic chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency, is also taking charge of the WZO, albeit by proxy as yet. I don't mean to sound alarmist, mainly because I am not yet convinced that the previous situation was preferable.

Thirdly, the Zionist leaders in the Diaspora are also unhappy with the WZO, for the arrival of the new Zionist parties representing the Reform and the Conservative movements has dramatically reduced the influence of the old political groupings. This situation, coupled with the attack by the fundraisers, has meant that the power of the old-time Zionist bosses has decreased. At the same time, however, they are more than ready to make political deals with their new rivals and to accept financial support from the same fundraisers whom they ostensibly oppose.

Finally, the intellectuals are also having a go at the WZO. They marshall their skills to demonstrate that Zionism as an ideology is an anachronism today, and that a different organization is needed to build bridges between Israel and the Diaspora. They despair of the political system of Israel, which also affects the WZO, and they have contempt for the fundraisers, at least between bouts of being lionized by them at various conferences. They are also quick to criticize the *balagan* at Zionist Congresses and see it as further evidence of the obsolescence of the WZO.

Dangerous Remedies

Everybody, then, seems to have a good case against the WZO, but nobody appears to know how to put it right. Often our ostensible cures only contribute to the disease.

First: The cure of the Israelis is to replace *tsionut* (Zionist talk) with Aliyah (Zionist action). They urge Zionist leaders to have the courage of their alleged convictions and settle in Israel. In reality, of course, only the young or the rich from the West have prospects of successful aliyah. The only way in which Zionist leaders would settle is — to work for the WZO, or organizations financed through Zionist funds. In view of the fact that so many officials who did not make the first division of the Israeli party machinery and the government are already clamouring for these jobs, the proposed immigration would only compound the problem and make the WZO even more unwieldy and bureaucratic than it is now.

Sober observers of the Zionist leadership in the Diaspora may conclude, therefore, that it is less a burden on the movement if the leaders only come to visit rather than actually go to live in Israel.

Second: The solution of the fundraisers is, of course, to do away with the WZO altogether because they believe that philanthropy and its mythology have taken the place of ideology and education. It is remarkable how unconnected to Israel many of our fundraisers are: their Jewish education is minimal, their Hebrew often non-existent, and very few of them encourage their children to live there. The rationalization is that by making money in the Diaspora they are more useful to the Jewish State.

The truth is very different. Zionism was not built on funds but on idealism, not on parlour meetings but on education, not on dinner honorees but on *chalutsim*, pioneers. Even today, the funds raised for Israel, though welcome — especially by the professionals who work for the various organizations and who are trained to massage the egos of the lay leaders in the Diaspora — only constitute a very small percentage of the gross national product. If the fundraisers had settled in Israel, they would be *economically* of much greater help, even if they would never raise a penny for Israel again.

If Zionism is deprived of its ideological, educational and political dimension — which the dismantling of the WZO would mean — commitment to Israel would soon dwindle to nothing: the Jewish State would have to wait for some horrible crisis in order to command the loyalty and the contributions of the Jewish bourgeoisie.

Third: The Zionist leaders in the Diaspora do not seem to offer a more acceptable alternative to the present WZO set-up, because what they — we — are primarily interested in is more power for the organizations we represent and more status for ourselves. All "reforms" when carefully examined, are calculated to enhance the prospects of the "reformers". They are, therefore, highly suspect: there is little to suggest that the result would be less chaotic than what we have now.

Fourth: The intellectuals, finally, seem to have no solution at all beyond the analysis and the criticism. There is no indication that an organization run by them would be more effective, or more efficient, than what we have now. Academic politics, for example, are not free from viciousness, especially when the stakes are low. There is no reason to assume that things would be different in the WZO under the management of Jewish intellectuals.

The above can easily be dismissed as a series of superficial generalizations. To put all Israelis, or all fundraisers, or all Zionist leaders, or all intellectuals in single groups is, of course, incorrect. Yet, the trends are there and since this piece does not set out to be an objective analysis — to which no single article could do justice — but to offer a partisan contribution to a debate, perhaps I should not apologize for it too much. The only mitigating set of circumstances I am prepared to cite is that the polemic is directed as much against myself as it is against anybody else.

A Possible Solution

But the problem remains: if everything is so good, why is it so bad? If the attacks on the WZO are often gratuitous and self-seeking, why is the organization so inefficient and Zionist Congresses such nightmares for most participants?

I would like to argue that the alternative to improvement need not be revolution, and that a better way of organizing things is not identical with scrapping the organization altogether. The Zionist Congress *has* the potential to become the Parliament of the Jewish People for reasons that have been articulated in William Abrams' essay. We need a democratic forum at which the concerns of the Jewish people can be discussed and joint decisions taken. Here are some suggestions as to how we might go about it.

A Parliament to be worthy of that name has to be democratically elected. This could be done in the following way:

1. All members of the Knesset would automatically be members, *not* delegates according to the proportion of the Knesset membership (as is currently the case) but the *actual* Knesset members would be present. It is unthinkable to have a Parliament of the Jewish People without the active participation of the Parliament of the State of Israel.

2. In addition, elections should be held in Israel for a corresponding number of Congress delegates. This would mean that Israel could also send individuals and groups not currently represented in the Knesset.

3. Similar elections would be held in the Diaspora which would elect the same number of delegates as Israel, i.e. twice as many as there are Knesset members. The Congress would then consist of some 450-500 men and women, roughly as many as there are now; half from Israel, the rest from the Diaspora, all elected.

The ballot box, not the postal ballot, would decide. The campaign would be financed by the members of participating organizations. There might be some merit in excluding those groups that polled less than, say, 10 percent of the vote in any given area, thus encouraging larger coalitions and helping the electorate by drawing clearer ideological lines between the parties. The educational value of the elections would be considerable, for it would force us all to take sides and we would soon realize that it cannot be done on Israeli party lines alone.

The role of the Parliament of the Jewish People would be analogous to the role of the European Parliament: more than a mere talking shop but less than a legislature. It would meet annually for a couple of weeks and be elected, say, every five years. In this way continuity would be preserved and yet renewal made possible. The fact that all delegates would be elected, not appointed or manipulated, is likely to bring more disciplined and responsible people, thus minimizing the present bad behaviour on the part of some delegates.

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Congress would vote a budget and the organizations represented would raise the funds on a proportionate basis. Instead of getting money for delegates, as is now the case, the parties would be paying for them to maintain the organization. This would ensure independence from fundraisers and instill fiscal responsibility in its employees. A separate fundraising drive among committed Zionists would become part of the Jewish community calendar.

Within very few years a Zionist Congress thus constituted would earn the respect of the Jewish people and minimize the types of criticism listed in this paper. This, in turn, would give the democratically elected Congress authority in the eyes of the non-Jewish world as the only legitimate representative body of the world Jewry, thus rendering obsolete such oligarchic organizations as, for example, the World Jewish Congress. The deliberations would provide the most important forum for debate and influence decision-making in the entire Jewish world, providing a direct line of communication between the leadership of the State of Israel and that of Diaspora Jewry.

Jerusalem Platform Should Remain

And all this would be achieved without watering down the Zionist platform. The proposed changes to the Jerusalem Programme are, therefore, unacceptable. If anything, Zionist ideology needs strengthening in our time. Having recognized that the Land of Israel is an integral part of the triangle the other sides of which are the Faith of Israel and the People of Israel, we are duty bound to affirm Zionism as the only legitimate liberation movement in Judaism — and thus the direct heir of the message of the Biblical Exodus — and to recognize Aliyah as an ideal which every Jew must take seriously and consider personally. The World Zionist Organization would be the framework within which the affirmation and the recognition would find practical expression.

Of course, there will be those who will describe this proposal as unrealistic. To which one can only reply that, so far, the ostensibly realistic attempts at expressing Zionist ideas have always proven to be trivial; only the idealistic ones have become real. The current efforts to be "down to earth" and "business-like" seem to constitute a much greater threat than seemingly "wild" programmes, of which this is a very tame sample.

Response

by Nahum Ravel

IN the same way that the parliament of the Greek people resides in Greece, and of the Irish people in Ireland, and of the Italian people in Italy, so too does the parliament of the Jewish people reside in Jerusalem. Many peoples have Diaspora, only we Jews want the power to rule vicariously from great distances.

For cultures and peoples not to become extinct they must learn to adjust and adapt to new circumstances. So must we. As Ben Gurion believed, the term Zionist, since the establishment of the State of Israel can if so desired, be applied only to Jews living in Zion. At best, those outside the State can call themselves lovers of Zion, supporters of Israel, or some similar appellation.

It must be stated that only those individuals living in Israel can vote for the parliament of Israel. And only that parliament can decide what policies the State follows. Doubtless there is a direct effect on Jews living in the Diaspora; the same applies to Poles, Chileans, etc. They voice their approval or dissidence — though I do not recall lists of Polish professors appearing in the New York Times objecting to the Polish government's handling of the solidarity movement. It would seem that Jewish professionals are as yet insecure in their native lands that they must, in sickening obeisance, publicly remonstrate their loyalties to Canada, U.S.A., or wherever they chose to make their homes.

Following the above it is my contention that the Zionist organizations in the Diaspora are irrelevant, money wasters and bureaucratic enclaves. They accomplish very little, considering their healthy budgets, and what they do accomplish can — and should — be done by the Israeli consulates. As it is, the bulk of funds raised for Israel are raised by "non Zionist" organizations.

In summary I believe that the World Zionist Organization should be abolished. However I do agree with Bill Abrams that there is a need for a body representative of World Jewry. In a sense this body already exists: The World Jewish Congress. Just as Romanian, Chilean and Canadian Jewry is represented in the World Congress, so too should the Israeli community of Jews be represented there. One important condition must be accepted by the Congress: democratic elections. Each community should organize democratic elections to determine its representatives. The world body (for semantic reasons I reject the term parliament) will discuss all relevant universal problems that touch Jewish communities.

Thus all Jews, whether designated Zionist or not, will be eligible to participate in the ongoing matters of concern of world Jewry.

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"STORM WARNING" BY EUNICE HANDMAN, MONTREAL

Rosh Hashanah in Moscow: 1948

by Abraham Rzepkowicz

AFTER weeks of speculation, the Israel-USSR talks in Helsinki on August 15, 1987 began and ended abruptly after 90 minutes. Diplomats, politicians, and the media have speculated on the reasons for the abrupt cancellation of this first official contact since diplomatic relations with Israel were broken off by the USSR during the Six-Day War in 1967.

According to the Russians, the meetings were to discuss matters regarding property and persons of the Russian Orthodox Church in Israel. However, as one diplomat quoted by the new services commented, "The Soviets have held church property in Israel for a long time. Why do they want to discuss it now? It appears to be a convenient excuse for sitting down and talking with the Israelis." Among the possible achievements envisioned were exchange of delegations, consular relationships, and greater Russian involvements in Middle East peace efforts. In the days before the meeting, the Israeli cabinet mandated its delegates to discuss the Jewish situation in Russia and Jewish emigration, which had dropped to 31 persons in July.

Some claim that the sudden breakoff is merely a matter of Russian political posturing. United States officials see it as a demonstration put on to placate Arab sensibilities, especially over potential Jewish immigration to Israel. As Premier Shimon Peres said, "It is hard to interpret the Soviet nuances, why exactly they wanted contact with us, why they stopped, if they stopped, which is something that is not yet clear." Indeed, official Israeli reaction emphasizes that the possibility of future contact still exists. However, Russian statements emphatically deny that there is any potential for new diplomatic relations and complain that the Israelis sought to include matters "clearly beyond the framework of the consular nature of the talks."

Despite claims to the contrary, the situation of Jews in Russia will always be an issue, even though it was not discussed or acted upon. Just consider how it has remained prominently in the public eye around the world and how it has grown in importance among Jews in Russia itself, as demonstrated by the Scharansky case. It is an issue which has had its major development primarily in the nineteen years since 1967. It would be of interest to consider what a renewed Israeli presence in Russia might mean to the Jews of Russia today.

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1948. Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, fell late in the year in October, just like this year. In Moscow several weeks earlier, Golda Myerson (soon to be better known as Golda Meir) had arrived with her staff to form the first Israeli embassy to Russia, the first country to officially recognize the new Jewish State. On September 13, she had presented her ambassadorial credentials as a recognized member of the diplomatic community. Here was a former Russian Jew, unable to speak the local language, coming to represent the Jewish state in a country where Hebrew had been outlawed.

On that first Sabbath, the embassy staff went to the Moscow Synagogue. This first contact with the Jews of Russia, with perhaps a hundred elderly people attending, was marked by silence and curiosity. The Israelis were surprised when the services concluded with a prayer for the peace and well-being of both the Russian leaders and the Israeli ambassador.

One might wonder what these emissaries from Israel actually expected from their co-religionists in Russia. What brotherly emotions could have been expected from a group of people cut off from the outside world for nearly thirty years? Living through those years, the Jews had witnessed the progressive elimination of communal structures, economic foundations, cultural institutions, religious growth, and even national language.

Golda Meir recounts in her autobiography how, upon leaving the synagogue that first Sabbath, a Jew asked her, surreptitiously, to follow him on the way back to the hotel. Nearly at the Metropol Hotel, he turned around, quickly recited the blessing of thanksgiving for being privileged to have seen the Israeli ambassador, and disappeared.

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A greater surprise awaited the Israelis when they came to the synagogue on Rosh Hashana. The synagogue was built to seat 2000 people, and it was normally filled to capacity on the High Holy Days. When they arrived, not only was the synagogue full but the street was a mass of humanity, in anticipation of these visitors. They embraced the ambassador as they chanted her name over and over again.

After the services, as Golda Myerson left the synagogue, the crowds of approximately 50,000 once again closed around her so that she was unable to move, and had to be pushed into a cab in order to be able to leave. As the cab inched its way along, she called out in response to waves of emotion coming from all sides: "Thank you for having remained Jews." This was probably the first and only occasion of a peaceful and spontaneous mass demonstration in Soviet Moscow.

The embassy staff, stunned by the emotional outpouring of the Jews who had dared to come, did not attend services on the second day of the holiday in order to allow things to settle down. However, when they returned on Yom Kippur, a week later, the Jewish masses returned, as well. As the services closed, the concluding phrase, "Next year in Jerusalem," took on a special meaning to all.

The Jews of Moscow had made a daring choice. Hopes released by the presence of the Israelis after years of having to stifle one's Jewish identity, fed on official government statements such as those by Andrei Gromyko before the United Nations in 1947:

> During the last war, the Jewish people underwent exceptional sorrow and suffering . . . It may well be asked if the United Nations, in view of the difficult situation of hundreds of thousands of surviving Jewish population, can fail to show an interest in the situation of these people, torn away from their countries and their home. It would be unjustifiable to deny this right (to have their own state) to the Jewish people . . .

At the same time, the Jews read rather ominous pronouncements in *Pravda* just before the holiday:

> . . . The State of Israel has nothing to do with the Jews of the Soviet Union, where there is no Jewish problem and therefore no need for Israel.

As Golda Meir noted, such officially printed statements were readily understood as expressing the government's warning to stay away from the Israelis. Nevertheless, the Jews of Moscow chose to ignore it and seized the opportunity to express their identification with the Jewish State.

In the weeks and months that followed, the Russian reaction was quickly felt. The last vestiges of Jewish culture were closed down. The Yiddish theater was shut. *Enigkeit*, the Yiddish newspaper, and *Emes*, the Yiddish publishing house ceased operations, despite having faithfully followed party lines. Stalin's growing paranoia was further aggravated by this apparent demonstration of disloyalty to his supreme authority. This, together with the Russian shift in foreign policy towards the Arabs, once the British had left Palestine, led increasingly to increased Jewish isolation and discrimination. The discrimination under Stalin continuing into the early 1950's culminated in the persecution and executions of the Jewish writers and doctors. His successors still maintain his legacy; the isolation remains until today.

The Jews of Russia are eternally doomed to be labelled as such on the internal passports, yet they are not allowed the basic tools and institutions of national identity granted to the other recognized peoples of the Soviet Union. The Jewish people, as expressed by the writer, Elie Wiesel, have become increasingly the Jews of Silence.

Effect of a New Israeli Presence

What would a new Israeli presence in Russia mean to the current generation of Jews? It would be difficult to say. For nearly forty additional years, the new generation has been removed from any semblance of an active Jewish community. For all these years, Russian Jewish youth have been subjected to fragmentation, isolation, and degradation. Furthermore, the current generation, unlike its predecessor which welcomed Golda Myerson to Moscow, does not have fresh memories of the War and of lost loved ones — whether at the hands of the Germans and their allies, in the struggles of the Red Army, or in the Gulag of Russian concentration camps. They may not experience the feelings of desolation which marked the survivors of the War.

On the other hand, the miracle — that there yet exists the phenomenon of Jewish Refuseniks who challenge the status quo — can readily suggest an alternate scenario. It is quite astounding that not only cultural but also religious Jewish expression still exists in urban pockets in Russia. This leads one to hope that the Jewish spark remains alive. It is one thing to have Jews attend nostalgic performances of Yiddish theater and popular entertainment, but it borders on the incredible to have Jews — young Jews — struggling to obtain kosher food and attempting to achieve a religious education.

The survival of Ukrainian, Lithuanian or Muslim yearnings for national independence can be understood when considered against a background of historical territory, active national language, and official national status. How can such a national concept have survived among the Jews of Russia? And it has indeed survived.

From the Russian point of view, the Israeli position regarding the Jews of Russia is "arrogant interference in the internal affairs of the Soviet Union and totally unjustifiable." Given the Russian position that there is no Jewish problem, how can one wonder that they reject the idea of an Israeli visit when, in their minds' "there is no Israeli property on Soviet soil and no Israeli citizens are living there." One may argue for an Israeli right to visit the property for which they still pay rent in Russia. However, the primary right exists, as expressed by Shimon Peres: "As far as we are concerned, the valuable property or treasure we have in the Soviet Union is the Jewish community of more than two million trapped there." Israeli officials estimate that 400,000 would emigrate if permitted.

Under such circumstances, what, indeed, would be the result of exposing a people belonging to a nationality deprived of any internal communal organization or expression, to the sudden appearance of a national, though external, focus? Recalling the situation of Rosh Hashana, 1948, Russian authorities must be pondering very seriously the potential internal results merely of renewed contact with Israel, let alone actual Israeli presence in the country.

The Montebello Mystery

by Harold M. Waller

LE Château Montebello. The name conjures up images of a luxurious resort, where one can go to escape the pressures of life in the nation's capital or its great metropolises. It is surely that, but it is also significant to those who care about Canadian foreign policy toward the Middle East. A meeting which was held at the hotel on April 28 and 29 may well represent a major development of great moment. Yet it is shrouded in secrecy and all attempts to pierce the official veil have been rebuffed. There has been no official release of the participants' names and virtually no information regarding what transpired at the meeting has been made public. The event puzzles outside observers, who have been trying to discern the meaning of the conclave. Was it simply a discussion group, or was there some larger purpose?

Although it is difficult to know exactly what occurred, there have been some published reports, especially in the Montreal weekly, *The Suburban*. It appears that the idea of the gathering was conceived during the winter, before Joe Clark's March 10 speech to the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), the one that caused such a furor. Clark suggested to Geoffrey Pearson, head of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, that a dialogue between Canadian Jews and Canadian Arabs be held in order to contribute to increased mutual understanding. The idea was suggested originally by former PC leader Robert Stanfield in his 1980 report that followed the awkward Jerusalem embassy episode. Pearson, with help from the Department of External Affairs, organized the seminar and invited 15 Jews and 15 Arabs. A few observers, such as Joe Clark himself, were also invited. At the first meeting, two participants from each side presented papers and there was some discussion. Although no official announcement has been made, it is assumed that a further meeting or meetings will take place, perhaps in the fall, perhaps sooner.

It should be stressed that all of the participants were invited officially in their individual capacities and not to represent either the Jewish or Arab community. Therefore Pearson and the participants maintain that neither community was represented in any corporate sense. Rather it was simply a matter of individual Canadian Jews and Canadian Arabs getting together to discuss issues pertaining to the Middle East.

Reticence Of Participants

After the seminar the participants and the host were notably reticent about what transpired. It has been impossible to obtain a list of the participants. Most of the Jews are now known, but there is great uncertainty as to just who the Arabs were. In fact, the unusual secrecy surrounding the entire project is one of the most interesting aspects of the story.

In order to understand the significance of the Montebello seminar, one should remember the reaction to Joe Clark's CIC speech, which was widely regarded among supporters of Israel as a precursor of a contemplated shift in Canadian foreign policy. Clark's speech was very unbalanced in that it was much more harshly critical of Israel than of the Arabs. The tone of the speech, which was dominated by the section condemning Israel, suggested that most of the blame for the situation with respect to the Arabs in the territories lies with Israel. On the other hand, his tentative suggestion as to how the impasse might be solved was superficially very balanced. The Secretary of State for External Affairs referred to "a growing international and Canadian consensus [that] takes the position that it is time to establish a peace of mutual recognition, based on territorial compromise and respect by Israelis and Palestinians for each other's legitimate rights." This statement appears to carry symmetry further than has been the case in the past. It suggests that the Arab-Israeli conflict is really a Palestinian-Israeli conflict (a point which he made explicitly) and that blame for the conflict and its consequences is to be apportioned equally. Moreover, the logic of such a position is likely to lead to a call for a sovereign Palestinian state as part of a just solution.

It was no coincidence that the Montebello meeting was planned at about the same time as the Clark speech. Both events should be seen as part of the larger effort to test the waters regarding a possible shift in Canadian foreign policy. For the past several years, Canada has supported the realization of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian Arabs, including the right to a homeland within a clearly-defined territory, namely the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. But until now Canada has not formally endorsed the idea of an independent Palestinian state in those territories. Such an endorsement would represent a significant departure and would constitute an important foreign policy accomplishment for the Arabs. Through his speech and the Montebello conference, Clark was attempting to learn whether it would be feasible for the government to adopt such a position. Thus both examples of testing the waters had to involve Jews. In one case it was the CIC, the body charged by the community with representing it to government and the public on matters involving Israel. In the other case, it was prominent individual Jews, many of them with highly visible ties to the CIC and other entities in organized national Jewish life. Clark's speech caused an uproar and an outpouring of opposition from within the community. It remains to be seen what the response to the Montebello initiative will be.

The secrecy surrounding the events is an integral part of the scenario. The maintenance of secrecy prevents information from becoming available to the Jewish public, thereby forestalling possible adverse reactions to the meeting and the application of pressure on the participants by the Jewish public at large.

Why would such objectives be important? The answer to that is found in part in remarks by Pearson that were quoted in a long, but not very informative, article that appeared in *The Canadian Jewish News* on June 9. In response to questions concerning the

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purpose of the Montebello seminar, Pearson cited Stanfield's view that "dialogue and goodwill can do things . . . that Canadians can reach agreement if they put their minds to it." That is the key: to reach agreement. Obviously the organizers of Montebello hope that the participants will reach agreement on a possible solution to what has been characterized as a conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. Now there can be no assurance that the group of 30 will reach agreement on anything, even if they hold several additional meetings. But if they do reach agreement it will almost certainly be along the lines of symmetry outlined by Joe Clark on March 10: mutual recognition and a state for each people. Were the group to come to such an agreement and announce that publicly or communicate it privately to Clark, the government could then say that if Canadian Jews and Arabs can agree, then the government should as well, thus opening the way for official Canadian endorsement of a sovereign Palestinian state. Presumably the PLO would then be recognized as the official representative of the Palestinian people, thereby completing a major innovation in Canadian policy.

Most Canadian Jews Oppose Palestinian State

There is a range of views within the Canadian Jewish community on whether Israel should be prepared to agree to an independent Palestinian state under certain circumstances. Most Jews are opposed, as are all of the leading community organizations, including the CIC and its constituents. The main reason for this opposition is the conviction that an independent Palestinian state is incompatible with the maintenance of the long-term security of Israel. There are also some who believe that a new state would not only be compatible with, but might also enhance, Israel's security. These are people who sincerely believe that the adoption of their position would be in Israel's best interests. However, they constitute a distinct minority within the community. Therefore it is inconceivable that under present circumstances, a group that represents the Jewish community would be party to an agreement such as that envisioned above. Certainly the community ought to be debating its position on the issue. But as of now, it is clear that the community is generally opposed to the idea of a Palestinian state, despite the uprising that has been going on since December.

It is precisely because of the above considerations with regard to attitudes toward the main issue that Arab interlocutors are likely to raise that the representativeness of the Jewish participants becomes important. It could be argued that the Jews are there as individuals and not as representatives of the Jewish community, but that argument does not withstand careful scrutiny. The Montebello group was composed not simply of 30 Canadians of various backgrounds who are concerned about the Middle East, but rather of equal numbers of Arabs and Jews. It is clear that the list was drawn up so that at some later date it could be said that the Jews and Arabs of Canada had agreed on something. If there were 40 or 50 Canadians invited and six or eight were Jews, several others were Arabs, and the rest were Canadians of various other origins, then one could claim that it was simply a group of citizens discussing an important international problem. But the structure of the meeting belies that claim. It would appear that the seminar was set up in such a way so that it could later be said that the Jews and Arabs of Canada got together to discuss the Middle East and were able to agree on certain points.

A Quasi-official Gathering

A further consideration is that several people with key national leadership positions in the community were apparently there. They were invited precisely because they head Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith Canada, or CIC and not because of who they are individually. That made the meeting a quasi-official gathering. Therefore it is realistic to expect that this group of 15 Jews will be seen by the public, media, and government as representative of the Canadian Jewish community. Moreover if this group is likely to be regarded as representative, who selected its members and according to what criteria? Did Mr. Pearson know whom to invite, or was he advised by members of the Jewish community?

Just who did attend the meeting? The only list that has been published so far appeared in *The Suburban*. One cannot be certain of its accuracy, but no other version of the list is available, despite attempts to obtain an official one. According to *The Suburban*, there were two rabbis present, W. Gunther Plaut and Dow Marmur, respectively the Rabbi Emeritus and the current Rabbi of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple. Rabbi Plaut is a former president of CJC. There were also three heads of major national Jewish organizations present: Sidney Spivak (CIC), Dorothy Reitman (CJC), and Ralph Snow (B'nai B'rith Canada). Shira Herzog Bessin, the former executive director of CIC, was another participant. Four academics reportedly participated: Howard Adelman of York University, Michael Marrus and Janice Stein of the University of Toronto, and Stephen P. Cohen. Two people with extensive community leadership experience from Toronto were present: Donald Carr and Rose Wolfe. Finally there were two men prominently associated with Canadian Friends of Peace Now: Simon Rosenblum and Mel Shipman. The fifteenth Jewish participant's identity was apparently unknown to *The Suburban*.

There were reportedly several observers present: Robert Stanfield, Joe Clark, William Barton of the Institute, Clifford Garrard of External Affairs, and Profs. John Sigler of Carleton University and Irwin Cotler of McGill University. Little information is available about the Arab participants. *The Suburban* mentions three professors, Tareq Ismael of the University of Calgary, Zureik of Queen's University, and Hassan, otherwise unidentified. Another participant was a Montreal engineer named Qussai Samak, who presented a paper at the meeting.

There has been very little information in the press about the conclave. *The Canadian Jewish News*, which presumably should be covering such an important story vigorously, carried a small front page box announcing that the seminar had taken place. Several weeks later it ran a long story that focused primarily on Mr. Pearson and his Institute and carried very little information on the meeting itself. The *CJN* story did not include the names of any participants, even though it appeared after *The Suburban* had published the list in its May 25 story. The *CJN* did run an editorial in its June 23rd issue raising several questions about the issue, but has not dealt with the matter further in its news pages. In a following story on June 15, *The Suburban* reported on its difficulties in obtaining information about the matter. However, it did report some significant information: David Azrieli, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, was not invited; some members of the Jewish delegation were consulted about the membership of the delegation; further meetings are planned.

Important Questions Raised By Meeting

The entire process raises a number of important questions for the Jewish community. Most vitally it is necessary that all the facts be made available to the community so that members can make their own judgments as to what is happening. The Montebello conference dealt with crucial issues for the Jewish community. There should be debate on these issues within the appropriate community bodies. In order for that debate to take place, it is necessary for people to have the facts. Another important issue is the role of the CIC. That body is charged by the community with representing it to the government and the public at large on matters concerning Israel. It is critical that that body and not individual Jews represent the Jewish community. By standing by while the Montebello process continues, the CIC runs the risk of coming to be regarded as irrelevant.

A third issue involves accountability. Some Jewish participants may have been selected because of their personal standing; others were undoubtedly present by virtue of official positions that they hold in the community. The members of the latter group surely have an obligation of accountability to their members. Finally this matter is surely news. The community has a right to expect its major newspaper to cover the story and provide all the news that can possibly be obtained.

The Montebello process confronts the Canadian Jewish community with a challenge in an area that concerns all its members. The community does not delude itself by thinking that a possible change in policy at External Affairs will have a lasting impact on Israel's interests. On the other hand, this is one way in which Canada's Jews can have an impact. Consequently they are correct to be vigilant about Canadian foreign policy toward the Middle East. Does the Montebello seminar presage a shift in that policy? Will it be used to legitimate such a shift? The answers to those questions represent the key to the most important political issue facing Canadian Jewry today.

LETTERS

Sir:

I was interested in reading Irving Abella's article in your recent edition (Vol. XVI, No. II), on Dissent and Pluralism in the Montreal Jewish community and I have no quarrel with his findings. However I do wish to cavil with two minor points that he makes.

He states that in the pre-State of Israel period the various Zionist factions disagreed on almost everything except "the need for a Jewish state". In fact they disagreed on that as well. Most of the Zionist parties and factions were not in favor of a Jewish state and the reason was quite apparent: without a Jewish majority there could not be any Jewish state, the rules of demography did not allow for it. How could one possibly have a Jewish state when there was an Arab majority in the country? Even the Revisionists were divided on the issue and one faction split off, calling itself the Jewish State Party.

Abella subscribes to the myth that the "uptown Jews" of Montreal were of German origin ("the 'Yahudim' were ordinarily of German or of Sephardic origin"). There were a number of Sephardim among them, yes, like the De Solas and the Sebag-Montefiores and the Josephs, but what Germans? What we are doing here is simply transplanting a U.S.A. situation to Canada where it does not apply. The "older families" of Montreal like the Cohens, Jacobses, Kellerts, Friedmans were of East European origin, "Litvaks" for the most part, who arrived about two generations earlier — in the 1860's for the most part — thereby having the opportunity to acquire some acculturation to the Canadian scene. There were among them some English-born Jews as well such as Mortimer Davis' family. A search through *The Jew In Canada* (1926) reveals no prominent Montreal Jewish citizen of German birth or origin.

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POEMS

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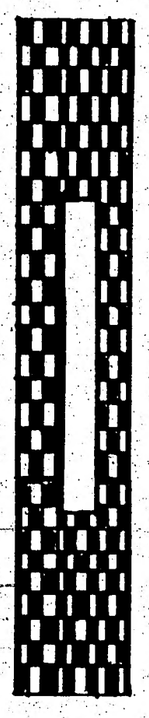

ORIGINS

What if Abraham
was arrested
for messing up
his father's shop
and Isaac
was made a
ward of the court
after his father
while still on parole
took a knife
to his son's throat
and then Abraham was
given intramuscular injections
and ECT
for the Visions and Voices.

Where would I be?
Who would I be?

THE TYPIST

I do well
typing for a
living,
never feeling inferior
to my clients'
writing.

Calmly tapping a fury
up to a hundred and twenty
words a minute,
I copy their
mostly stolen
ideas.

Reports
essays
stories
financial statements
poetry.

ignoring their mistakes
correcting only mine.

No opinions do I give,
no encouragement,
just two bucks a page
Thank-you
(four bucks for graphs).

It's a comfortable
life,
mindless work,
background music
that gives me time
to think
about how inadequate
I am
compared to
my brother
the sofer.

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